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GILLS' PANTO HIGH JINKS

GILLINGHAM chairman Paul Scally (left) and manager Mark Stimson (right) teamed up with comedian Dave Lee for a special performance at the Marlowe on Thursday.

In one of the final performances of the season's smash hit production, Mr Stimson swapped the dug-out for a policeman's outfit as he shocked his team - watching Aladdin from the audience - and squirted them with water. FULL STORY - SEE PAGE 3

EXCLUSIVE

BY GARETH ARNOLD

FORMER Kent cricket star Hartley Alleyne has said a massive 'thank you' to the readers of Yourcanterbury for helping him win his fight to remain in the UK.

After we campaigned for our readers to write in and support his application to remain, you inundated us with letters and emails - all of which went towards helping the Home Office allow him to stay for a further three years.

And, it is hoped, by the time that expires in 2011, the former coach at St Edmund's School will be able to apply for full British citizenship.

Paying a special tribute to Yourcanterbury readers, Mr Alleyne said he was overwhelmed by the support from our readers.

He told us: 'I would very much like to thank everyone who has supported me.'

'On a very personal level, it has been a journey of pride and humility that my ex-pupils and the people of Kent, many I don't even know, took the trouble to help me. Thank you.'

'In particular, I was most appreciative of the level of journalistic commitment shown by your paper, without whom my personal story would have just been one of thousands that have found themselves in this unenviable situation without a voice. Thank you.'

The 50-year-old, who has lived in the UK for 30 years and has a British wife and three children had faced being deported to Barbados after Home Office chiefs said he did not have suitable qualifications to remain - and teach - in the UK.

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Gulbenkian chief slams funding cuts

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

THE city's role as a cultural centre is under threat following the Arts Council's decision to slash the Gulbenkian Theatre's budget.

With the Marlowe closing its doors in 2009 for a major rebuild, the Gulbenkian will be the only permanent theatre open in the city for almost two years.

But the cutbacks will mean the popular theatre at the University of Kent will no longer be able to afford to stage the large touring companies which have won it a reputation as a vibrant and innovative venue.

Director of the Gulbenkian, Dee Ashworth has hit back at the decision, saying the Arts Council should reconsider their proposal.

Accessible

She said: "I have been trying to work out the Arts Council's rationale in damaging a thriving organisation such as the Gulbenkian. I've come to the conclusion they are looking down the wrong end of the arts telescope.

"It's not about the venue, it's about the audiences. Touring performing arts companies may create wonderful work but the venues in the regions have to be able to book them so the local population can enjoy them. This needs financial support."

Mrs Ashworth said the theatre acted as the accessible front door for the university with a programme tailored to its local audience.

She said: "Unfortunately the Arts Council doesn't seem to understand the access audience relationship at all.

"Just as they embark on a review of the role of higher education and the arts, and undertake a higher education consultation in Canterbury, commissioned by Arts Council South East, they choose to cut an exemplar of campus arts."



CUTBACKS: Budgetary constraints will hit the Gulbenkian Theatre's diverse programme

Mrs Ashworth explained the Arts Council's reasons for cutting the Gulbenkian's budget centred on its long term strategic position in the city's cultural landscape.

In the report outlining the controversial decision, the Arts Council praised many aspects of the theatre, but questioned its long term viability.

Mrs Ashworth said: "Between the criticisms is praise for attendance, family friendly programme, cultural diversity and disability work.

"My strategic planning for the Gulbenkian is about access, diversity and education and how to make these elements viable within a vibrant arts centre.

"Our attendance is at its highest ever, the programme receives fulsome praise from all quarters and our recent education programme is a shining model of work between schools and venue. On this basis I consider we are thriving organisation."

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Green garden waste collection to restart

GARDENERS who are braving the cold can get their green waste collected by the council this winter.

In previous years, collections have been suspended from Christmas Eve until March. However, many residents have contacted the council to ask if the service could be continued.

Executive member for the environment, Jenny Samper, said: "We obviously have keen gardeners who want to keep their gardens looking nice over winter, so we are pleased to be able to meet this demand."

Energy saving bulbs given the green light

TRAFFIC lights across Canterbury, Whitstable and Herne Bay are going green under new countywide plans.

Kent County Council has launched a new initiative to replace bulbs in all its traffic lights with energy saving equivalents.

The switch over to low-energy light bulbs should generate a saving of more than £2million over six years.

The programme is intended to save money as part of Kent's ongoing effort to slash its energy bill.

Stone Street surface to be strengthened

MOTORISTS travelling on Stone Street are set for two days of disruption later next week.

Essential maintenance works on the B2068 between Upper Haldes and Elmstreet will take place on Wednesday 23 and Thursday, January 24.

Works are being carried out to strengthen the carriageway surface, which will improve safety and prolong the life of the carriageway.

Warning to lag pipes before the cold snap

SOUTH East Water has issued a cold weather warning urging people to insulate pipes to avoid damage.

The water company said burst pipes could cause damage worth thousands of pounds, wasted time, inconvenience and stress.

A spokesman said: "With colder weather around the corner, South East Water is advising customers to make sure their pipes are well wrapped up."

People are advised to lag pipes and tanks, allow warm air to circulate, and repair dripping taps and overflows.

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Now Hartley pads up to win back job

Can ex-Kent star return to St Edmund's?

EXCLUSIVE

BY GARETH ARNOLD

REPRIEVED ex-Kent cricketer Hartley Alleyne is in talks with the headmaster of St Edmund's School about resuming his coaching position after winning his fight against deportation.

And what's more, his prowess on the pitch will be seen once again this summer after being invited to join a village cricket team.

Mr Alleyne was forced to quit the job he loved at the school after he was told by Home Office chiefs he faced being kicked out of the UK. He had worked there since 2005 as a cricket coach.

It was when he re-applied for a work permit in May last year, the Home Office first said his experience did not equate to the two A-levels required. Although he achieved the qualifica-



BATTLING PERFORMANCE: Hartley Alleyne is looking forward to coaching again after winning his battle to stay in UK

tions in the summer, the Government maintained because his job description did not require that level of qualification Mr Alleyne was ineligible to stay.

St Edmund's was no longer allowed to employ him, leaving the star without a job and a permanent home for himself and his family as the role entitled him to a house on the school campus.

Speaking to Yourcanterbury, Mr Alleyne, 50, says he is looking forward to resuming his coaching career and is in talks with Jeremy Gladwin, the school's headmaster about a possible return.

Mr Alleyne said: "I am finally in a position to resume my life and am so grateful to everyone

who supported me. I cannot thank enough the overwhelming support that I received from Jeremy Gladwin, my ex-colleagues, the children and their parents of St Edmund's School.

"I have always had faith in the UK's due process of law and this outcome has proved it to be fair and just.

"Canterbury MP Julian Brazier's tenacity and sense of fair play in the system has been invaluable and without his help perhaps the outcome would have been somewhat different.

"Cricket has always been my life's passion and I'm looking forward to the new season where, I am privileged to say, I have been asked to play for the village of Littlebourne."

Barracks host peace event

ARMY bosses hope to ease tensions between locals and the regiment by hosting a cultural event at Howe Barracks tomorrow.

The city council has been working with the police and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders to set up the event, which is open to residents on the Querns Road and Spring Lane estates and army families.

The aim is to bring the community and the army regiment together to improve relations between the two groups, which the council described as "occasionally strained".

It follows a recent leaked report which quoted some army families as saying they were treated like 'scum' by locals.

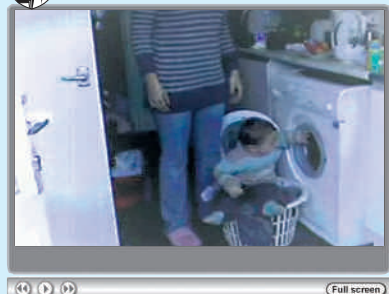
Admission to the event, which runs from 6.30pm to 9pm, is free to council tenants who will be provided with admission vouchers in advance; otherwise it costs £2 for adults and £1 for children and includes all food and activities.

For more details or to book a space, contact Canterbury council housing officer Lora McCourt on 01227 862142 or email lora.mccourt@canterbury.gov.uk.

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Yourkenttv's Biscuit Rapper invites you to meet his family

Could your village be Kent's best?

DO you think your village is one of the best in the county? Then here's your chance to prove it by entering the 2008 Kent Village of the Year competition.

Organisers of the competition say they are looking for villages with community spirit to win the title and go on to represent the county in the national competition, sponsored by Calor Gas.

Action with Communities in Rural Kent is running the county competition.

The competition is open to villages with a population of less than 5,000 and entry packs are being sent to parish clerks this month, but it does not have to be the parish council that enters.

A spokesman said: "We are not looking for pretty window boxes and neatly mown lawns.

"It really is about your community and what it does with the resources available."

Further details are available by contacting Becky Williams at Action with Communities in Rural Kent on 01303 850816 or email info@ruralkent.org.uk, or you can download a pack by logging on at www.ruralkent.org.uk.

A rub of the lamp and Gills boss is star of the show

BY GARETH ARNOLD

CRISSES of "he's behind you" failed to alert Gillingham players at the Marlowe Theatre last week when manager Mark Stimson took to the stage and doused them with water.

In a scheme cooked up by chairman of the League One club, Paul Scally, Mr Stimson was persuaded to play a Chinese policeman in a very special matinee performance of Aladdin.

Overcoming initial nerves, he jumped at the chance to give his players the surprise of their lives.

Marlowe marketing assistant Ben Travis said: "The manager came in earlier than the players so they had no idea he would appear on stage.

"He came out at a point in the pantomime when the cast runs around the theatre and his players didn't recognise him until he was a foot away."

Paul Scally and 14 first-team players attended the show on Thursday.

The popular pantomime is on track to break the £1 million mark

for ticket sales again this year.

Meanwhile, the last-ever pantomime to be staged in the current Marlowe Theatre has already been announced.

A lavish production of Snow White is planned by Aladdin producers Emily Wood and Paul Hendy of Evolution Productions.

Ms Wood said: "Snow White is a real crowd-pleaser and we are looking forward to working on it. It's an exciting prospect because we want to stage a bigger and better pantomime than ever before."

The cast for Snow White, which runs from Saturday, November 29 to Sunday, January 18, 2009, will be announced in the spring.

Aladdin runs until this Sunday.

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MP slams Gordon Brown over ex-prisoner policy

THE PRIME Minister was under fire from Canterbury MP Julian Brazier last week over the decision to offer sanctuary to ex-Guantanamo Bay prisoners.

Mr Brazier challenged Gordon Brown in the Commons last Thursday about the move to allow five terror suspects wanted in Spain to return to the UK, despite none of them being a British citizen.

Mr Brazier said: "Why should we pick up the tab for keeping an eye on people who want nothing more than the destruction of our civilisation?"

Man bailed after teen is stabbed during brawl

A TEENAGER has been stabbed in a fight on a tow path in Canterbury.

The 15-year-old city boy was injured with a knife in a brawl on the path leading to Kingsmead on Saturday, January 5.

The attack happened at about 6pm and the injured boy was taken to the QEQM Hospital with a wound to his chest.

A 19-year-old man from France has been arrested and bailed until February 18.

Dragons join the line-up at top wild animal park

DRAGONS are coming to Wildwood this month with an environmentally sustainable message.

Volunteers at the park in Herne will host a workshop to create dragon designs out of discarded wrapping paper and ribbons, left over from Christmas.

Wildwood has a host of designs to make dragon decorations, puppets and masks, as well as the scissors and glue to make them.

The dragon event is on January 13 and runs from 2pm to 4pm in Wildwood's education centre.

Supporter quits his battle over Kent's proposals Club cheer as protest is dropped

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

FEARS of further delay to the re-development of Kent Cricket Club's St Lawrence Ground in Old Dover Road have been allayed after objections were dropped.

The club announced last week that Ben Moorhead, who had previously threatened legal action against the club over development issues, has decided not to pursue his case.

His objections concerned the validity of the vote at a meeting held in September when members supported the club's ground re-development plans, which include selling off part of the land for housing development.

Mr Moorhead argued that greater financial detail should have been provided in respect of the disposals of land referred to in the meeting.

Lawyer and club member Mr Moorhead said: "My interest in the proposed ground re-developments has always been in the environ-

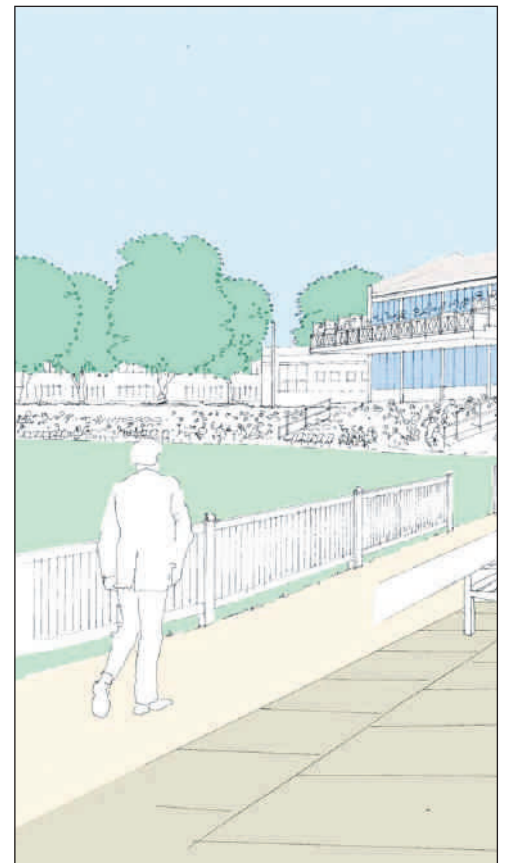
mental aspects.

"I remain concerned about the effects, both visually and environmentally, of the scheme on what I consider to be a heritage site and I would like to see a tree planting programme in place which will minimise any adverse impact on the St Lawrence Ground."

Club chairman Carl Openshaw, said: "We respected the fact that Mr Moorhead had raised a serious issue, but both parties had received strong legal advice supporting their respective views.

"I am very pleased that Mr Moorhead has agreed that it would not be in the best interests of Kent County Cricket Club to pursue the matter further. He has considerable experience of environmental matters, and particularly of tree planting, and we have invited him to advise our project steering group on these issues."

The club has always maintained its financial



PLAN: Artist's impression of how ground will look

success and future in the city is dependant on bringing the ground up to modern standards via a major refurbishment programme.

It is hoped the multi-million pound overhaul will not only see the club become profitable, but could even pave the way for England one-day internationals to return to the ground at some point in the future.

Meanwhile, Carl Openshaw confirmed on Friday he was to step down as chairman in March.

Mr Openshaw, 69, has served as chairman since 1999 after being elected to the committee in 1994. He will be replaced at the club's AGM on March 10. Turn to page 62 for the full story.

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Why plans are vital to club

AS historic and well-loved a venue as the St Lawrence is, few would argue it is not in need of a major overhaul.

With county cricket failing to generate the returns of the past, financial issues weigh more heavily on the shoulders of those in charge.

In an effort to resolve the problems, Kent took the brave step to bring the ground into the 21st century and transform it into an all-year-round business.

At the heart of the strategy is to build a 130-bedroom hotel to act as a centrepiece, as well as providing conference and catering facilities. In other words keeping cricket at its core, but

ensuring sufficient revenue generators are in place to keep the club competitive in the wider marketplace.

The land opposite the Bat & Ball pub – currently used as a car park – will be sold off and used for housing.

The result should be a business proving an asset to the city while securing Canterbury as the headquarters of arguably the county's most treasured club.

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Picture GARETH ARNOLD

UNSEEN: Police are targetting paper girls and boys to warn them about not being visible on the roads

Don't turn to the dark side warn police

PAPERBOYS have become the latest target of a police crackdown as they look to shed light on a growing problem.

Officers in Herne Bay and Whitstable have been out on the streets in the mornings in a bid to catch the boys and girls out on their rounds but without lights on their bikes or proper protection.

In the last five months, more than 90 children have been stopped for having no lights or poor brakes.

Officers are so worried about the problem that a special database has been set up to record stops made by the police teams. If a paperboy is stopped twice, a letter is delivered to their parents, while a third offence means a home visit by police.

Herne Bay community support officer Matt Sedgewick, who has been involved in setting up the database, explained: "It is mostly young people that we are stopping and to date we have carried out five home visits. Most parents listen to our advice. I have only had one mother say to me that I should not be doing this and my answer to that is fairly simple; at least I am not visiting to say that

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

your child has been seriously injured as a result of a collision in the dark.

"Too often, young people are riding dark coloured bikes in dark clothing on unlit roads. They give themselves no chance of being seen."

The teams have also been working with Kent County Council child employment officers to ensure newsagents are aware of their legal responsibilities regarding child employment.

Area coordination manager for KCC's attendance and behaviour service Eleanor Morgan said: "The young people stopped were given information on child employment and on safety when delivering newspapers."

"This initiative helped to support employers who may not have been aware of the child employment law. It is hoped that similar initiatives can be arranged in other areas of Kent to ensure young people are employed safely and legally."

Adult cyclists riding mechanically unsound bikes, or without lights, are also being targeted.

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yourcanterbury NEWS IN BRIEF

MP supports stem cell research from umbilicals

SAVING umbilical cord blood which can be used in a variety of life-saving operations is being championed by Canterbury MP Julian Brazier.

Mr Brazier is one of the co-sponsors for a Ten Minute Rule Bill which aims "to promote the donation of cord blood from women after giving birth".

Blood in the cord contains different types of cells, including stem cells. Cord blood has been used for the last 20 years for blood transplantation, and the treatment of patients with leukemia, sickle-cell diseases, and immune deficiencies, with 85 treatments to date.

It is also an alternative to bone marrow transplants.

Speaking after the Bill passed its first reading, Mr Brazier said: "While scientists and the government are devoting millions of pounds to ethically dubious research with embryonic stem cells, here is an excellent source for these stem cells which is almost completely untapped."

"Only four hospitals in the NHS collect umbilical cord blood – this has got to improve."

Face pincher attacks woman in underpass

POLICE are looking for a man involved in a bizarre attack on a woman on New Year's Day.

The man pinched the 46-year-old's face as she walked through the underpass between the Odeon cinema and Fenwick in Canterbury just after midnight on New Year's Day.

He approached her and asked for a light for a cigarette. When she told him she didn't have one he grabbed her arm and then pinched her cheek.

The man then ran back the way he had come towards Fenwick.

The pincher is described as mixed race; about 5ft 3ins tall, of medium build and aged about 30.

Cyclist left with head injury after car collision

A CYCLIST was rushed to hospital after a collision with a car in Canterbury.

The 29-year-old man was injured when his bicycle and a car collided in London Road, just after 7pm on Saturday, January 5.

Police had to close the road at the junction with Temple Road while ambulance staff attended to the injured cyclist.

He was taken to the William Harvey Hospital at Ashford where his head injury was described as not life threatening.

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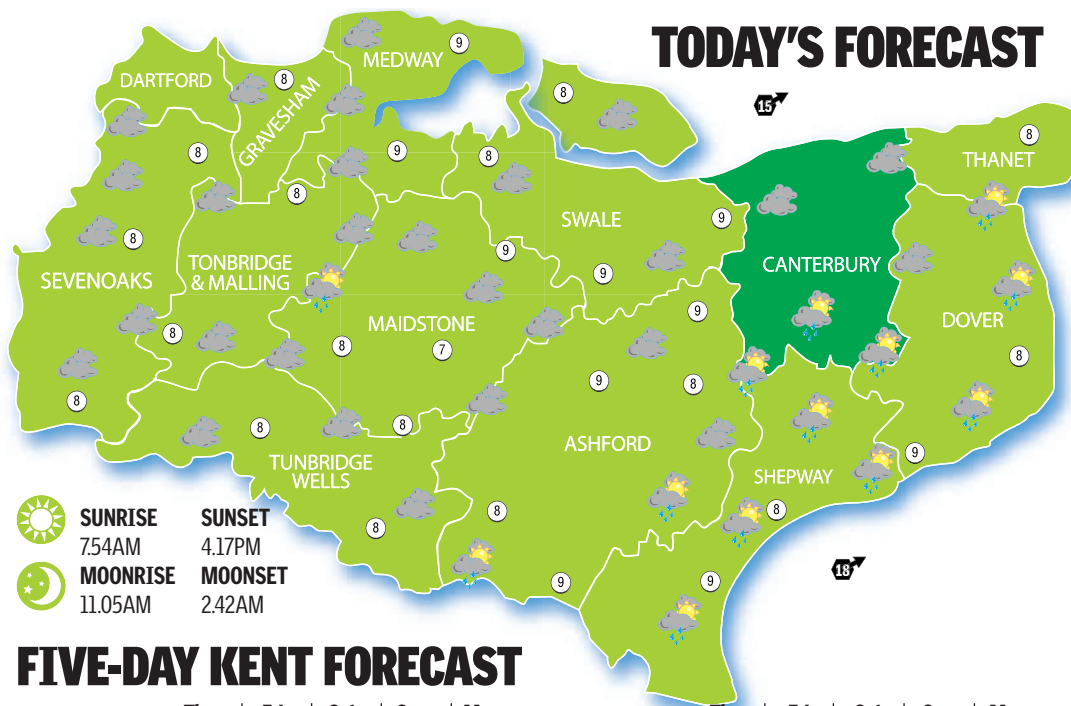
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	Sunday	7:42am	5.2m
Dover	Saturday	5:43pm	5.6m
	Sunday	6:14am	5.8m
Dungeness	Saturday	5:46pm	6.4m
	Sunday	6:18am	6.6m
Ramsgate	Saturday	6:13pm	4.3m
	Sunday	6:44am	4.4m
Sheerness	Saturday	6:17am	5.2m
	Sunday	7:30am	5.0m
Whitstable	Saturday	6:17am	4.8m
	Sunday	7:30am	4.7m

SUNRISE
7.54AM
 MOONRISE
11.05AM
 SUNSET
4.17PM
 MOONSET
2.42AM

FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	8°C	10°C	11°C	12°C	11°C	Gravesend	8°C	11°C	11°C	12°C	11°C
Canterbury	9°C	10°C	11°C	12°C	11°C	Maidstone	9°C	10°C	12°C	12°C	12°C
Chatham	8°C	11°C	12°C	12°C	10°C	Ramsgate	9°C	10°C	11°C	12°C	11°C
Dartford	8°C	11°C	11°C	12°C	11°C	Rochester	8°C	11°C	12°C	12°C	10°C
Dover	8°C	9°C	10°C	10°C	10°C	Sevenoaks	7°C	9°C	10°C	10°C	9°C
Faversham	8°C	11°C	12°C	12°C	10°C	Sittingbourne	8°C	11°C	12°C	12°C	10°C
Folkestone	8°C	9°C	10°C	10°C	10°C	Tonbridge	8°C	10°C	11°C	12°C	10°C
Gillingham	8°C	11°C	12°C	12°C	10°C	Tun Wells	8°C	10°C	11°C	12°C	10°C



AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Amsterdam	8°C	Madrid	10°C
Athens	13°C	New York	6°C
Barcelona	10°C	Paris	10°C
Beijing	-6°C	Rome	10°C
Bombay	31°C	Sydney	20°C
Cape Town	33°C	Tenerife	20°C
Cardiff	8°C	Tokyo	5°C
Gibraltar	15°C	Vancouver	7°C
Hong Kong	16°C	Warsaw	4°C
Las Palmas	20°C	Wellington	22°C

Search the net and help endangered species

ANIMAL conservation charity the Aspinall Foundation is urging animal lovers to support its bid to win an online charity fundraising challenge launched this week.

The charity – which runs Howletts and Port Lympne – is urging supporters to use Everyclick.com, a free internet search engine which makes a donation to chosen charities each time it is used.

The prize for the charity with the largest amount raised is a free national advertising campaign on over 1,500 sites across the UK via advertising giant Clear Channel Outdoor.

If victorious, the charity would use the space to raise awareness of endangered species.

Police climb pressure group's equality chart

LESBIAN gay and bisexual pressure group Stonewall has rated Kent police one of the top employers for diversity and equality.

Kent was ranked 26th in this year's Stonewall Workplace Equality Index, a rise of 81 places on the force's initial rating in 2007.

The index features the top 100 employers in Britain for lesbian, gay and bisexual (LGB) people and measures equality in the workplace.

The police's diversity manager, Martin Meredith, said: "It demonstrates everyone's commitment to ensuring equality not only among the workforce but also to the wider community."

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ANDY MERRIMAN



Q What are the challenges you face in your new role?

A My main challenge, and that of all firefighters, is to make sure we save lives and reduce the risks for people who live in or are passing through the county.

We have been rated an 'excellent' service and I will be looking to build on the work already undertaken to reduce risks and try and make best use of the resources we have within the area.

The recent tragic events in Warwickshire, where four firefighters lost their lives, has demonstrated how dangerous the role can be. But you can never underestimate the skills and professionalism of our crews when they are confronted with incidents like this on a daily basis.

I will also try and redirect resources where possible to enhance some of our operational capability, including the development of live fire training in the future.

Q What made you decide to become a firefighter?

A I joined when I was just 19. At the time it seemed an interesting job that would also be exciting. It was and still is. Every day is different and the variety of work and incidents never cease to amaze me.

Q What training do firefighters receive now? Has it changed much in 25 years?

A The training has changed measurably from when I first joined 25 years ago. The skills required are so much greater and I think the expectations from the public are that much higher today.

A good example of this is with road traffic collisions. When I was first on a fire engine at Medway in 1982, the equipment used to remove someone from a car consisted of a few extending pipes called epco, and a hack saw.

Today's firefighters are trained in all manner of extraction techniques, including glass management, and are able to use the most modern and highly skilled power tools available.

Q It goes without saying that it's a dangerous job. How do you cope with that aspect of your work?

A The incidents I attend now are either of a larger nature or perhaps more serious. Fire deaths in any situation are always difficult, and you always reflect on the situation.

I have a six-year-old daughter and it is not uncommon for me to have gone home and given her a hug after such tragic events.

Fortunately, my wife also works within the service so I have always got someone to talk about these matters with.

Q You must have lots of stories about your time as a firefighter. What is the most memorable and why?

A I have many stories, but some perhaps would not be best told within a family paper. People call the service when invariably they are

in most need, and you would be amazed at the types of call our service control centre receives.

Q What's the strangest thing you've seen?

A My most memorable moments relate to people within the service and I am proud to be able to call so many of my colleagues friends.

The role of a firefighter attracts good people who care about their communities and want to protect and save lives. I don't think that is a bad job to be in.

Q Is fire safety advice helping reduce the number of fires in the home? What's the single most important piece of advice you would give somebody?

A We now have a statutory responsibility to promote and give fire safety advice and this work is a daily part of what we do.

This has made a huge difference, and our aim to reduce fires goes hand in hand with our operational response. Thanks to this, a considerable number of lives have been saved.

The single most important piece of advice I would give someone is to get a working smoke detector; it could save your life.

Q What's the best advice you've ever been given?

A The best piece of advice I think I have been given is count your blessings.

QA

Firefighter Andy Merriman, temporary area manager for the county's east division, tells Gareth Arnold about overseeing the largest geographical firefighting area in the county, with 22 fire stations.

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CUT ABOVE THE REST: Award-winning hair stylist Natalie Bennett of Jelly Beanz in Whitstable High Street works her magic on our reporter Lauren Mumford

Don't miss your chance for award-winning colour

A HAIRDRESSER has furthered her career and raised styling standards by passing the highest achievable award that's on offer.

Natalie Bennett of Daniels Court in Whitstable has made work colleagues proud after achieving the nationally commended L'Oreal Colour Specialist Degree.

The talented hairdresser, who's employed at Jelly Beanz in Whitstable High Street, completed the degree at L'Oreal's London Academy in Hammersmith.

The 27-year-old spent a total of 18 days working alongside some of the most influential names in the business and was taken on field trips for inspiration.

BY LAUREN MUMFORD

Miss Bennett said: "Having the opportunity to work alongside some of London's top stylists has been a journey of great importance and achievement."

"I was fortunate enough to meet the hairdresser who, for me, epitomises hairdressing, celebrity stylist Lee Stafford."

Candidates endured 15 days filled with physics, chemistry, psychology, colour therapy, application and techniques, sat a massive eight-hour practical examination and a five-hour written paper.

As well as this Miss Bennett also had to make a final presentation which included set design, clothes for

her model which she designed herself, make-up application and the hair colour and finish, all incorporating her set theme of 'fantasy'.

Paul Raiolo, who ran the course said: "This year's group's standard was exceptionally high - Natalie's work was excellent and showed great vision and beauty."

Other candidates included members of top London salons, Toni & Guy, Sean Hanna and Saks.

To celebrate Miss Bennett's achievement, Jelly Beanz is offering all clients a free semi-permanent colour with any cut and finish or blow-dry.

For more information contact Jelly Beanz on 01227 282818. The offer ends on February 14.

Email yourcanterbury@kosmedia.co.uk

Channel crossing boost as SeaFrance passengers increase

SEAFRANCE Dover-Calais Ferries is celebrating the New Year following a record-breaking December.

The amount of cars travelling across the Channel on the service during December topped 55,000 - beating the previous highest ever total for the month of 53,000 back in 1996.

As savvy Brits travelled to France to stock up on Christmas food and drinks, two of the busiest periods were Friday afternoon on December 21 and all day on Saturday, December 22, when SeaFrance Dover-Calais Ferries were full on all crossings for vehicles, passengers and freight.

And there was more good news for the operator too. SeaFrance's car volume during the whole of December was up 16 per cent year on year, whilst passenger traffic was up eight per cent.

These figures rounded off a great year for the company, whose 2007 totals showed a 13 per cent increase for car volumes and six per cent increase for passenger volumes, compared to 2006.

Robin Wilkins, managing director of SeaFrance UK, said: "It has been a great year for SeaFrance and our staff have worked hard to drive these results."



GOOD YEAR: The company recorded a 13 per cent increase in 2007

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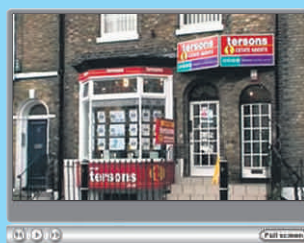
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POWER TALK: Protestors say eight times more electricity could be generated from offshore wind farms than is produced at present, so a new generation of nuclear plants is not needed

Nuclear decision putting the wind up green campaigners

PLANS to build a new nuclear power station in Kent have been criticised as a costly waste of resources by campaigners.

Kent Green Party wants the Government to abandon its support of nuclear power and turn to sustainable supplies of energy like offshore wind farms.

It says a new nuclear plant at Dungeness would generate electricity at twice the price of offshore wind turbines.

The environmental campaigners have also warned that any companies involved in building the new station will face boycott action.

Kent Green Party spokesman Steve Dawe said: "Every £1 spent on energy conservation is seven times as effective at cutting greenhouse gas emissions as every £1 spent on nuclear power.

"The Government is lying when it says nuclear is a low-carbon technology, as mining uranium is very energy-intensive.

"The private and public money lavished on

■ BY JON COATES

nuclear power could create more sustainable jobs throughout Kent, rather than a costly new nuclear power station at Dungeness."

Mr Dawe pointed out that the British Wind Energy Association has said that eight times more electricity could be generated than what we use now from offshore wind alone.

"The employment potential for Ramsgate as a port serving the offshore wind industry is apparent," he added. "But energy conservation, according to the Association for the Conservation of Energy, could cut UK energy use by half. It could also provide more employment in every Kent district.

"Similarly, better payments to householders for electricity they produce would lead to more renewable energy schemes for housing and more jobs."

On Thursday, the Government gave the green light for a new generation of nuclear power stations.

Business secretary John Hutton said new plants should be built to safeguard future energy supply: "New nuclear power should have a role to play in the future energy mix."

But Mr Dawe warned new nuclear power stations will still create waste which is difficult and costly to dispose of: "The Government's consultation documents suggest the problems associated with nuclear waste have been resolved, but scientists dispute this.

"Claims that consumers will not have to pay for new nuclear power stations are open to challenge, as costs associated with any new road or rail infrastructure for new stations are likely to be met by the taxpayer.

"Also it has recently been revealed that the costs of decommissioning old nuclear power stations and dealing with existing nuclear waste are likely to be placed on taxpayers through electricity bills, which have been rising steadily with oil and gas price increases.

"We argue that since nuclear power is only expected to deliver a four per cent carbon cut after 2025, it is a waste of resources."

Appointment is big news for business at KOS Media

KOS MEDIA has appointed a business editor with a Fleet Street background to edit Kent on Sunday's new business section.

Tony Patey will take charge of business coverage in the award-winning Sunday title, the Saturday edition and the company's midweek newspapers, broadband TV channel and websites.

Mr Patey was city reporter for the Daily Mirror from 1973 to 1987. He was later business and economics correspondent for The European from 1993 to 1997.

The move follows the appointment of Richard Parsons as KOS Media's business publisher. He has taken charge of the commercial side of the section.

Mr Parsons is the former publisher of the Kent Messenger Group's business supplement.

Prior to this, he was responsible for various international markets divisions for ANZ Investment Bank.

Mr Patey said: "Joining an award-winning newspaper with high ambitions is a great challenge – and I'm looking forward to making what I hope will be a positive contribution.

"I aim to use all the benefits and potential of multi-media to make our coverage of business and personal finance in Kent the best there is."

Mr Parsons added: "The group has made a significant commitment to business within the county.

"Tony joining the team is good news and we look forward to delivering hard-hitting business news and comment every week within a unique but comprehensive and rich business portfolio."

The new section is inside today's paper and will grow later in the year.

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Do you have the pluck to understand ethical buying?

IT'S not easy being a consumer in 2008. A trip around your local supermarket can become a morally-challenging affair as you push your trolley through the aisles.

Do you ditch the Nescafe and plump for the Fair Trade coffee? Do you go for foods from countries with dubious human rights records, or back British? Do you ignore anything made in the US of A because you can't stand George Dubyah but invest in pretzels because they nearly choked him?

Once upon a time it was easy. While South Africa still had Apartheid you simply steered the wonky trolley wheels passed their products, muttered 'Free Mandela' under your breath and threw a bag of apples from Zimbabwe into your grocery selection.

Now though, that has all changed. Today, wherever you go there is a 'better' alternative – be it via more environmentally sound packaging or more compassion in its production. And, almost without exception,

that alternative comes complete with an increased price tag, presenting, perhaps, the biggest dilemma of all – do you spend more of your hard-earned cash in order to ease your conscience?

Opinion, unsurprisingly, is divided. So it was with interest I tuned into Hugh's Chicken Run last week on Channel 4. In it, celebrity chef Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall attempted to convert Axminster in Devon to buying free-range chickens rather than factory farmed birds, where their short lives saw them cooped up without access to natural light or room to swing a drum leg.

Are you prepared, was its message, to pass by the birds which literally go cheap on the shelves but that spend their entire 39-day life span in a shoebox with their own poo for a carpet?

It presented a compelling argument, but it did highlight one particular woman for whom shopping with a conscience was clearly as confusing as the labels on store chickens which baffle us all when we shop with the best intentions.

After spending weeks apparently backing the campaign, she was shown by the preposterously surnamed chef the way factory chickens were crammed in compared to their free range counterparts.

"The only difference I can see," said she, who clearly regularly ate for three and waddled along like a bucket of KFC, as she compared and contrasted the two methods, "is that the free range chickens have got a field."

As fine an example of pointing directly to the point, yet missing it completely, as you're ever likely to find.

But with that sort of mentality (drop a few of those ruddy great pies you clearly stuff in your trolley and you can shop with a conscience, perhaps?), the challenge to educate and change shopping methods is clearly going to be a hard fought battle.

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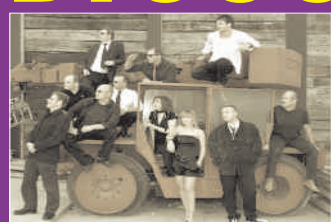
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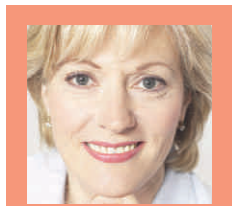
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YOU'LL SMILE IF YOU DIAL

Bubbly 40yr old female, enjoys beaches, pubs, clubs, WLTm a like-minded, caring male to share fun times with. Box 435102 ☎

NOT FOOTBALL CRAZY

Divorced, affectionate lady, 40, large build, 5'6", love staying in, cinema, looking for a thoughtful male to share good things in life, leading to LTR. Box 430332 ☎

TAKE A CHANCE

Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 435098 ☎

LOVE TO MEET YOU

Kind woman, 42, outgoing, happy-go-lucky, sometimes shy. I like gardening, socialising, travel, walks. Looking for happy, fun fella. Aylesford Box 428464 ☎

FOOTBALL FANATIC

Deal-based lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5ft10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384 ☎

ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE

Fun-loving, affectionate brunette, 43, size 12, N/S, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male. Box 814378 ☎

SMOOTH MOVE

Kind, caring, genuine person, 43, love music, outdoors, good conversations, looking for friendship initially and maybe more. Box 898448 ☎

DON'T KEEP ME HANGING

Genuine, caring, honest female, 41, 5'8", medium build, dark hair, blue-green eyes, N/S, likes night in/out, cinema, seeks honest male, for lasting love, Maidstone area. Box 803038 ☎

A FINE ROMANCE

Pleasant female, 43, medium/large build, blue/green eyes, grown up children, beach walks, relaxing, reading, wine, seeks sincere male with GSOH, for LTR. Box 428071 ☎

READ ALL ABOUT IT

Petite, smore woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTm N/S man to share things with. Box 429682 ☎

WHERE R U?

Sincere, reliable woman, 43, long blonde hair, blue eyes, community worker, loves horse riding, travelling, cooking, looking for my soul mate. Box 428689 ☎

NICE AND LOVING

44yr old female, 5'5", brown hair, slim/medium build, enjoys pubs, clubs, if you are out there, give me a ring! Maidstone Box 413448 ☎

LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING NEW PEOPLE

45 year old female, has 2 dogs, works full time, likes horse riding, gardening, walks, socialising, enjoys eating out, cinema, good conversation Box 435464 ☎

TIME TO SETTLE DOWN

Romantic woman, 45, likes the good things in life, WLTm a special, good looking man to complete the jigsaw. Box 434511 ☎

HAND IN HAND

Romantic female, 46, 5ft2, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes walks on the beach, theatre, music, seeking friendship, maybe more, with someone, 45-55, Ashford Box 435456 ☎

BE ORIGINAL!

Sincere, honesty, and intelligence, is that just too much to ask for? With a hint of cheekiness, I'm 46 from the Maidstone area. Box 156956 ☎

STIMULATING COMPANY

Bubbly, caring, single mum, 46, WLTm nice male, for good conversations, company, and maybe more. Box 396829 ☎

ALL THAT I NEED

Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out & staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50, Aylesford. Box 428833 ☎

READY TO START AGAIN

Hi, I'm Sue, 48, 5'2", dark hair/eyes, divorced, hard-working, WLTm compatible male, stocky build, for good times, possibly LTR. Box 432992 ☎

AM I THE 1?

48yr old, 5'5", dark hair, hazel eyes, likes dancing, music, cinema, days/nights out, would like to share some good times & fun. Box 901027 ☎

SHE'S THE ONE!

Young-at-heart female, 48, medium build, 5ft2, dark hair, blue eyes, GSOH, very active, likes clubs and dining out, seeks someone with similar interests Box 435098 ☎

DIG DEEPER

Genuine, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights in/out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55. Dover Box 435441 ☎

BRIGHTON UP MY WORLD

Loving and loyal 49yr old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, theatre, pubs, restaurants, music, travel, seeks sincere and loving male between 48-56 for friendship. Box 903974 ☎

ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT?

Loyal, bubbly and affectionate, attractive lady, 51, dark hair, enjoys clubs, nights in, love animals, seeking a like-minded gent for happiness. Box 433585 ☎

FEEL THE MAGIC

Slim female, 51, long dark brown hair, brown eyes, 5ft6, well groomed, very easygoing and tactile, GSOH, enjoys socialising, nights in/out, eating out, cinema walks Box 434052 ☎

LOVE IS IN THE HAIR!

Sue, 51, slim, blue eyes, brunette, ladies hairdresser, looking for someone special. How about you? Box 431904 ☎

PUTTER IN YOUR HANDS!

Sporty female, 50, Hastings-based, 5'8", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating in/out, WLTm fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60, 5'10"+, to share life. Box 165367 ☎

DO YOU SCRUB UP?

Modern, professional, classy, loyal female, early 50s, 5'4", blonde, medium build, enjoys countryside, WLTm gent, 45-58, smart appearance, for friendship/relationship. Box 825500 ☎

LAST CHANCE?

Lively, understanding female, 51, large build, WLTm genuine, loving male, 46-58, for lasting, loving relationship. Faversham. Box 399271 ☎

COUNTING ON YOU

Lonely, honest lady, 52, enjoys walks, cycling, travel, WLTm sociable gent to share interests and possibly leading to LTR. Box 399420 ☎

BEAUTIFUL DAY

54yr female, enjoys home life, going out, pubs, theatre, music, wishing to meet an understanding man, 45-60, to share the good and bad things in life Box 435468 ☎

LADY IN WAITING

Lively, special lady, 54, honest, friendly, caring with varied interests, including outdoor sports, travel, keeping fit, music, reading, social events, WLTm like-minded, easygoing male. Box 430607 ☎

SMART MOVE

Sportaneous, friendly, lively female, 55, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship, leading to more. Box 430854 ☎

DIG DEEPER

Canterbury lady, 56, recently divorced, looking for a genuine relationship. I like gardening, home life, going out, seeking a male companion. Box 428242 ☎

I DREAM OF DOMESTICITY!

Attractive, homely, caring 55yr old lady, 5'2", slim/medium build, GSOH, good conversationalist, looking for special person to share life's ups and downs with. Faversham. Box 406928 ☎

A CHUCKLE & A CHORTLE

56yr old lady, well-built, 5'5", N/S, GSOH, funny nature, like films, theatre, eating out, WLTm N/S man, 56-60ish, to make her laugh again. Medway/Maidstone area. Box 412127 ☎

SAVING ALL MY LOVE

Young, 57yr old modern female widow, slim, enjoys nights in/out, socialising, seeking honest, reliable man for friendship, love, affection and TLC. Box 920739 ☎

LIKE TO ENJOY LIFE

Happy-go-lucky female, 57, likes nice walks, pubs/clubs, quite nights in, loves children and animals, seeking an honest, caring man Box 435308 ☎

LIKES THE NICE THINGS IN LIFE

Divorced female, 50s, 5ft4, own home, great job and friends, likes to keep fit, hobbies include shopping, cooking, dining out, theatre/cinema, holidays, seeking friendship and more Box 434901 ☎

EFFERVESCENT ELEGANCE

Young-at-heart, lively, sociable lady, 56, 5'6", blue eyes, blonde, GSOH, WLTm understanding, down-to-earth gent, for company, maybe romance. Box 403745 ☎

GREETINGS TO THE NEW BRUNETTE

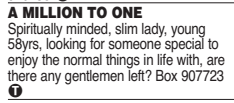
Brunette female, 59, N/S, 5ft5, hazel eyes, slim/medium build, enjoys meals out, occasional drinks, gardening, music, keeping fit, days out at the coast, seeking friendship/more. Box 434895 ☎

PLANT THE SEEDS

Classy, intelligent, divorced, attractive lady, 59, slim & active; enjoys travel, walking holidays, sport, gardening. WLTm sincere, intelligent gentleman initially for friendship, maybe more. Box 910138 ☎

A MILLION TO ONE

Spiritually minded, slim lady, young 58yrs, looking for someone special to enjoy the normal things in life with, are there any gentlemen left? Box 907723 ☎



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STILL FULL OF LIFE!

Mature lady, 60, but look, feel, and act younger! I love history, sea side, walking, dancing, music. WLTm guy who loves life as much as me! Box 427850 ☎

THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT

Widowed woman, 61, no ties, positive outlook, kind nature with GSOH, like the usual things and would like to find a male counterpart. Box 431210 ☎

KEEEEP DANCIN!

Brunette lady, 61, looking for a LTR, friendship first, any age considered. Interests: dancing walking, socialising, cuddling! Margate. Box 432246 ☎

DON'T PASS ME BY

Young 61 year old, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, very happy-go-lucky, likes dancing, walks, eating in/out. I'm very adaptable, looking for a LTR. Margate Box 434424 ☎

NEW FOUNDATIONS

Solvent, cuddly female, 59, 5'1", love the countryside, foreign travel, seeks happy, solvent male, 50s-62, for affection and TLC. Box 394179 ☎

GENUINE GENTLEMAN ONLY

Kind-hearted, 64yr old lady, looking for genuine, down-2-earth male to share the simple things in life and enjoy life with. Ramsgate. Box 410983 ☎

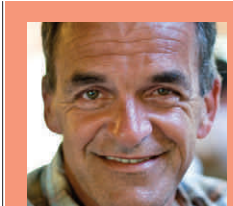
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SNAP ME UP

Attractive, feminine female, 37, petite, professional, thoughtful, witty, enjoys socialising, travel, dancing, seeks similar, genuine female, for friendship/relationship. Rochester Box 411186 ☎

DANCING IN THE STREET

Sociable Sagittarian, buxom 52 year old brunette, likes music, dancing, eating out, seeking like-minded buxom female, for fun and more Box 435191 ☎



MEN'S SPOTLIGHT

TRAVEL 2 MY WORLD

Outgoing Asian male, 23, 5'3", like cinema, eating out, sport, WLTm special female to share outings with. Box 435284 ☎

OUT AND ABOUT

Sociable male, 27, 5ft9, dark hair/eyes, slim, likes cinema, football, pubs/clubs, going out to various places Box 435194 ☎

SOMEONE TO CARE FOR

Care assistant, male, 30, hazel eyes/brown hair, I enjoy nights in/out. WLTm nice girl, similar age, for fun, friendship, maybe more. Canterbury Box 423431 ☎

THE GOOD LIFE

34yr old young-looking, shy at first male, 5'9", medium build, enjoy life to the full, seeking that special someone to share good moments with. Box 435061 ☎

ALL WORK AND NO PLAY

Attractive guy, 34, 5ft10, slim, brown hair/blue eyes. I work hard and I'm looking for a nice lady to spend time with. Rochester Box 428758 ☎

REAL MAN

36yr old honest, kind, caring, single male, blond hair, 6ft, like walks, cinema, nights in/out, enjoy family life, WLTm like-minded, genuine female. Box 430440 ☎

LOVE THE ONE YOU'RE WITH

Attractive, caring man, 37, very loyal, genuine, down-to-earth, East Kent, many interests, it's about who you're with, not what you're doing. Box 428202 ☎

GET UP AND GO

Creative male, 35, 6ft, slim, dark hair/eyes, loves music, travel, history, socialising, cinema, reading etc, seeks laid back, slim, attractive female, 26-35. Whitstable Box 380976 ☎

HAPPINESS IS...

Good-looking male, 36, short spiky brown hair, likes dancing, socialising, films, WLTm nice, loyal, honest female, 30-42, for a relationship. Maidstone. Box 401597 ☎

MAKING SWEET MUSIC

Romantic male, 38, 6ft, blue eyes, medium/muscular build, enjoy socialising, cosy nights in, music, looking for a loving, fun-filled female for happiness. Chatham. Box 433795 ☎

PERFECT!

Easygoing, fun guy, 38, 6ft tall, fit, swim and gym, fair, short funky hair with blue eyes, professional worker, seeking a nice female. Box 898289 ☎

DOWN TO EARTH

Nice looking male, 37, slim, likes sports, socialising, most things, seeks dark haired female, 30s with a great personality. Box 807534 ☎

MISS THIS MISS OUT

Single man, 39, 5'8", medium build, grey/blue eyes, not much hair but cropped. Friendly and approachable a good listener, very loyal and an outgoing personality. Box 897764 ☎

A SPARKLE

Hi, I'm a down-2-earth male, 40, 5'7", medium build, green eyes, loves outdoors, sports, beach walks etc, WLTm an outgoing female for good times. Box 899004 ☎

TWO'S COMPANY

Thoughtful male, 41, 6ft, shaved head, blue eyes, medium to stocky build, looking for a caring female to share good times Box 899503 ☎

THE SPECIAL ONE?

41yr old genuine and understanding male, 5'8", short cropped hair, enjoy sports, life to the full, looking for lady, medium/large, for friendship, possibly more. Box 433635 ☎

ENJOY LIFE

41yr old male, brown hair, hazel eyes, GSOH, WLTm fun-loving, kind female to share happy times. Box 435157 ☎

LOOKING FOR QUALITY COMPANIONSHIP

Tonbridge male, 41, 5ft5, brown hair, green eyes, likes sport, driving, relaxing nights in, seeking loyal woman, 36-42, who's caring, fun-loving. Box 435239 ☎

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commitment to environmental issues, the show will be holding its own light bulb amnesty. All visitors who bring an old light bulb can exchange it for a free energy saving bulb.

To book tickets or to view a full list of exhibitors and attractions at the Ideal Home Show, visit www.ideal-homeshow.co.uk or call ticket hotline on 0844 415 4144.

To enter, simply answer the question below and send your entry on a postcard along with your email address (if applicable), name, address, and daytime telephone number to Ideal Home Show competition, KOS Media, Apple Barn, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent, TN25 6SR. Closing date is February 15.

Question: How many years has the Ideal Home exhibition been going?



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TALK TIME

ANDY CAPON

The leader of the renowned Kent band the Trouser Trumpets talks about their ongoing plans for domination of the singles charts.



How did the single fair?

Everyday is Christmas With You sold well in America, but failed to make an impact on the UK charts. We got as high as 505... but we expect it to be number one next year.

What are your plans for 2008?

We are working on a song that we are going to enter for the Eurovision Song Contest. It's a great 'Oom-pah' type number that sounds very much like Sandy Shaw's 'Puppet on a String'. We are also writing a script for a children's programme that incorporates our music, which is completely family friendly. And we have a load of gigs coming up in spring and summer.

Did the band take Christmas off?

We did a gig at The Duke of Cumberland in Whitstable, where we packed the place so much a policeman had to turn people away. Great gig, and we sold a few singles too.

Will we be seeing much of you in 2008?

We're not gigging in January, February and early March but we are booked to appear at Glastonbury, Reading and the fabulous Priddy Folk Festival in Somerset. We have several private functions lined up in spring, and will be playing the Faversham Hop Festival, and Lounge On The Farm in Canterbury amongst others. We are also recording our debut album in March.

Did you get anything nice for Christmas?

We received support and nice comments about the single from two of the unlikely sources around - Ralph Steadman and Janet Street-Porter both complimented our efforts. We had great support from our local fan base, but the nicest comment came from John Brooks, a Radio Caroline DJ, who described our Christmas single as 'appallingly camp and irritating' how cool is that?

YOUR LETTERS



Picture: KNP

Extension gives hope for the future

How delighted I was to read Hartley Alleyne has been allowed to stay in the UK.

After 30 years here, it is encouraging to see good sense has finally prevailed.

I just hope the three year extension to his stay will result in him being able to claim full citizenship by 2011.

H Yorath
Via email

Government has finally seen sense

Thank goodness. At long last the government has seen sense and agreed for Hartley Alleyne to stay in this country. And not a moment too soon.

I just hope we do not have to



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see a repeat of this fiasco in the years ahead.

For a man to live and work in this country for 30 years, to raise a family here and then be

told he had to go was just crazy.

Well done, Hartley - and a Happy New Year to you.

Rob Pickles
Herne Bay

The right decision has been made

I read with great interest and delight on your website about the Home Office's decision not to throw Hartley Alleyne out of this country.

He was a great cricketer, great teacher, and a great man. I'm delighted for him and that the right decision has been made.

Jon Turner
Whitstable

Tesco are planning too far ahead

So Tesco has got Easter eggs on its shelves already? How ludicrous! (Bye mince pies, hello Easter eggs, Yourcanterbury, January 9).

And it claims it has put them out because people like to 'plan well in advance' or 'may be away for long periods of time'. Crazy.

If they apply those rules, surely retailers would be putting their summer clothes out now, while fireworks could be on sale ready for next November?



Ian Hilderbrand
Via email

No one wants any chocolate now

I almost fell off my chair when I read in your paper last week

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about Tesco putting out Easter eggs already.

I'm still feeling bloated after putting away my own body weight in chocolate over Christmas. The absolute last thing I'm thinking about now is eating Easter eggs.

Grant Tiller
Canterbury

The real danger is on our street corners

While I quite agree parents should take great care about the dangers of the internet (Police release internet guidelines for parents, Yourcanterbury, January 9), I do think we sometimes overestimate what is lurking in cyberspace.

I think we all know that it is not particularly difficult to find dodgy material unsuitable for youngsters through a few clicks of the mouse, but the benefits it brings are incredible.

All the information you could possibly want is now at children's fingertips and with sensible precautions it can be safe.

Surely the real danger lurks in the real world and on our street corners. Those are the people I think the police should be focusing their time and effort on.

K Lauder
Via email

Don't delay, get help as soon as you can

Bill Reading's Q&A article last week made some very good points.

I have lived with someone who

fought a long and hard battle against a drinking problem and it was particularly difficult not just for them but for all those who cared about him.

The damage an alcohol problem can cause runs deep and wide and I feel for all of those facing the same dilemmas now.

I would urge people to take advantage of the support available today to tackle the problems – and avoid the heartbreak I endured.

Name and address withheld
Via email



Tredwell to show what he's made of

As a life-long supporter of Kent cricket, I would like to pass on a message of congratulations to James Tredwell for his call-up to the England one-day team.

He has performed admirably for the county side and fully deserves the international recognition.

I just hope now he gets the opportunity to shine on tour and prove to a wider audience what a talent he is.

Terry Harris
Canterbury

Tiny collection was one to watch at top auction

THEY are just a few of the many tiny and intricate items that were sold at the top auction.

Find the right key when you make a bid

While I don't have a collection of watch keys I wondered if what I do have is worth a few bob?

On my key chain I have about 50 keys to various doors and locks – about three of which I use on a regular basis. Some I cannot for the life of me remember quite what they open anymore.

Anyone care to make me a bid?

J Dyer
Via email

Book in for healthy eating this year

I am writing to wish your readers a happy and a healthy New Year on behalf of everyone at World Cancer Research Fund.

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Lisa Cooney
World Cancer Research Fund



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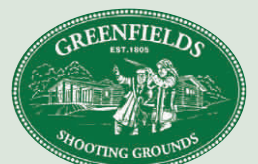
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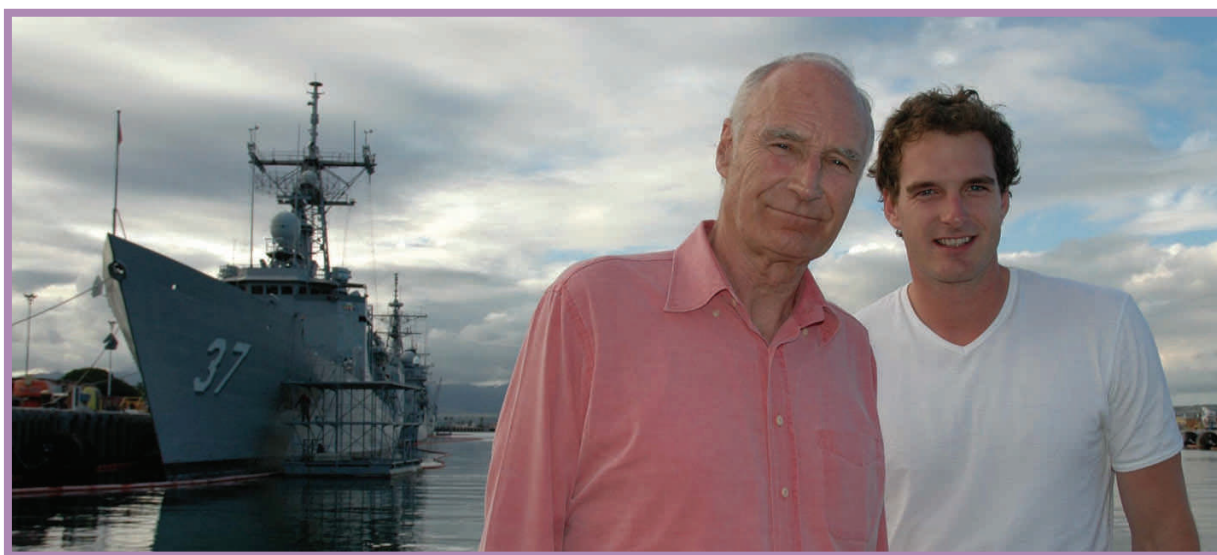
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IN THE FAMILY: Peter Snow and his son Dan are coming to the county to share some of the experiences from their fascinating lives in and away from media

Father and son swing into town

War, politics and media tales... in one evening

AN EVENING in the company of Peter and Dan Snow should go with a swing when they visit Kent later this month.

The father-and-son team will be entertaining the audience with numerous tales about their lives and work together, including the BBC series *Battlefield Britain* and *20th Century Battlefields*.

In the second part of the show, they will be taking questions from the audience. With such varied and impressive careers, both should make fascinating interviewees.

Peter 'Swingometer' Snow was born in Dublin in 1938, the son of a British army officer and an Irish surgeon. His extended family includes a number of interesting characters, including his cousin, news presenter Jon Snow, and his Canadian historian sister-in-law, Margaret MacMillan.

He was educated in England and did his National Service with the Somerset Light Infantry from 1956-58. After studying for a degree in classics, ancient history and philoso-

phy at Oxford University, Snow joined ITN as a scriptwriter and reporter.

In 1966, he was appointed diplomatic and defence correspondent and spent the next 10 years reporting from around the globe.

During this time he wrote a book about the Palestinian airliner hijack crisis and a biography of King Hussein of Jordan.

He presented election and live political coverage at ITN during the 70s but left to join the BBC, where he became one of the first presenters of *Newsnight* when it started in 1980.

For many years, viewers have enjoyed Peter's excitable presenting style and his imaginative use of props and graphics to illustrate stories. He will always be associated with the *Swingometer*, a device he used to demonstrate how election results were developing.

Peter stepped down from his electoral duties three years ago to concentrate on journalism. Since then, he has taken part in a number of history, sport and current affairs programmes, as well as presenting *Masterteam* on BBC Radio 4.

PETER AND DAN SNOW

Thursday, January 31

The Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury



Dan, 29, has scarcely had a less exciting career. He attended the same college as his father at Oxford University, where he earned a first-class honours degree in modern history and rowed in the University Boat Race three times, being on the winning side in 2000.

Father and son sailed across the Atlantic together in 2001, during which a crew-member had to be airlifted off the yacht, and Dan acted as captain for the return leg.

As well as presenting two history series and a one-off programme about the Battle of El Alamein with his father, Dan has appeared solo on the BBC's *One Show*, made a number of other history programmes and won a Sony Award in 2003 for his part in the LBC Boat Race coverage.

An Audience with Peter and Dan Snow starts at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £15.

Phone 01227 787787, or book online at www.marlowetheatre.com.

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PHIL NICHOL

Tuesday, January 22
Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury



ACCLAIMED comedian Phil Nichol will be bringing his unique brand of high-octane storytelling to Canterbury this month.

The award-winning stand-up leaves audiences both shocked and uplifted. His new show, *Hiro Worship*, promises to be just as entertaining as previous tours. Having already discussed subjects as diverse as nude bigots, jazz ballet and substance-fuelled lost weekends, what will he say next?

In 2002, Nichol's Edinburgh show *Things I Like, I Lick* was nominated for the Perrier Award. Since then, he has been nominated for three Chortle Awards and he won the if.comedy Award (formerly the Perrier Award) in 2006.

The accomplished actor has starred as Philip Salon in the Boy George musical *Taboo* in the West End, as well as appearing in BBC Two's *Broken News* and Rob Brydon's BBC Three series, *Annually Retentive*.

The performance starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £13/£11. To book, call the box office on 01227 769075 or visit the website at www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk.



MARLOWE YOUTH THEATRE

Tuesday evenings
The Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury



BUDDING young performers are invited to join the new-look Marlowe Youth Theatre.

The theatre is pleased to announce a new collaboration with the Whippersnapper Theatre Company, which will be leading the weekly Tuesday evening sessions.

This week saw the relaunch of the youth theatre which now offers lots of benefits for members, including discounted tickets and the chance to perform on the Marlowe's stage.

Whippersnapper is a Canterbury-based company which performed at last summer's theatre open day,



works regularly with local schools and had a critically acclaimed run at last year's Canterbury Festival.

Two age-grouped sessions are held at St Peter's Methodist Church on Tuesday evenings, developing skills in improvisation, characterisation and story-

telling. Admission costs £3 per session for 10 to 13-year-olds and £3.50 for 14 to 16-year-olds.

Places are still available in each group. For an application pack, call Kim Savage on 01227 828355 or email kim.savage@canterbury.gov.uk.

RUSSELL LISSACK

Friday, January 18
The Loft, Maidstone



CLUBBERS will be rubbing shoulders with one of the country's hottest rockers in Maidstone this week.

Russell Lissack (pictured, right), guitarist and co-founder of Bloc Party, will be getting the year off to a spectacular start with a special two-hour DJ set.

Playing the best of indie and rock, organisers hope he might play some exclusive cuts from the band itself.

Since bursting onto the music scene in 2003, Bloc Party has enjoyed phenomenal success.

Debut album *Silent Alarm* was nominated for the Mercury Music Prize and sold more than one million copies worldwide. The second album, *Weekend In The City*, reached the number two spot in the UK chart.

Also DJ-ing in Room 1 will be Chris Ward and Graeme 'Birthday Boy' Doyle, while Paul Richards of One Day



Elliott and friends will be playing rock and Emo in the other room.

With drinks deals on offer, it should be a popular night. Tickets cost £8 before

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Jump on the track for railway exhibition

MODEL railway enthusiasts are on track for a great day out at the City of Canterbury Exhibition this weekend.

There will be 14 layouts, model train rides and trade stands to browse. Refreshments will be available and there will be free parking on site at St Anselm's School in Old Dover Road. Opening times are 10am to 5pm on Saturday, January 19, and 10am to 4.30pm on Sunday, January 20.

For more details, call 01304 825233 or visit www.ccmrs.ic24.net.

Try out your detective skills at restaurant

GET out your magnifying glass and start hunting for clues at a murder mystery evening in Canterbury.

The Ascot Garotte whodunnit for amateur sleuths will be held at The Riverside Restaurant in Pound Lane at 7.30pm on Wednesday, January 23. Budding Miss Marples and Hercule Poirots can enjoy a three-course dinner and the challenge of solving the crime for £30 per person.

For details, call 01227 479999.

Hear heavenly voices at cathedral concert

CANTERBURY Choral Society will be giving a concert at the city's cathedral on Saturday.

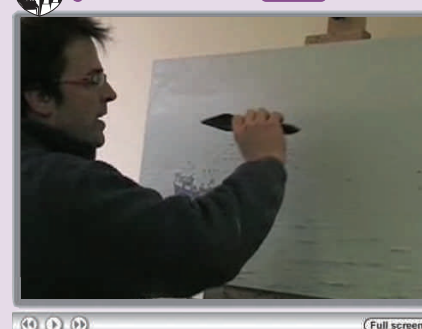
The programme will include Haydn *Insanae et Vanae Curae*, Mozart's *Symphony No 39* and Mozart's *Mass in C Minor*. The concert starts at 7.30pm.

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Flash is a man who longs for the days when he worked as a crew member on cinematic masterpieces like 'Citizen Kane'. When he meets teenage film fanatic Cameron Kincaid, he becomes an unlikely mentor and agrees to help Cameron make a film to compete in a student competition where the top prize is a film scholarship and, for Cameron, a ticket out of his difficult home life.

Rumpled, but not very cute

BY ROBIN WALKER

PHILIP Seymour Hoffman has a rumpled awkwardness about him that makes him an unlikely film star and that's a significant part of his appeal.

"A lot of people describe me as chubby or tow-headed," muses the theatre-trained New Yorker. "I'm never described in attractive ways. I'm waiting for somebody to say I'm at least cute, but nobody has."

That hasn't stopped him being one of the most sought-after character actors in the business – particularly since his performance as Truman Capote in Capote, which won him a Best Actor Academy Award in 2006.

In January he's in no fewer than three films, with leading roles in Sydney Lumet's Before The Devil Knows You're Dead and Tamara Jenkins' The Savages and a supporting turn (that's attracting yet more Academy Award buzz) alongside Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts in Charlie Wilson's War.

A dark caper movie that's a mix of thriller and Greek tragedy, Before The Devil Knows You're Dead has Philip playing a desperate man with sexuality issues and a cash-flow problem who entices his gormless brother (Ethan Hawke) to rob a jewellery store belonging to their own parents.

The Savages is another family comedy/drama – this time centring on two adult siblings who find themselves plucked from their self-centred lives to care for their estranged father sliding into dementia.

And in Mike Nichols' likeable twist at global politics, Charlie Wilson's War, Philip plays a resentful CIA agent who aids a good-ol'-boy Texas congressman (Tom Hanks) in his clandestine plan to arm the Mujahideen in Afghanistan against the Soviets in the 1980s.

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In The Savages he teams up with Laura Linney as siblings cocooned in their own complicated lives who are thrown together out of necessity. This was another project he read years ago that eventually came back to him.

"I just loved the script and I always wanted to do it so I was glad it came back around," he says.

The matter of ageing parents is something most of us have to deal with at some stage. Philip's own parents divorced when he was nine and he and his three siblings were largely raised by their mother, a judge.

"Both my parents are still alive so I haven't had to deal with that," he says about the film's core dilemma of placing a deteriorating father in care. "But I am, of course, dealing with ageing parents and they're dealing with ageing children."

An actor who likes to frequently return to theatre, Philip is having to juggle film stardom



RUMPLED: Philip Seymour Hoffman has been busy

with being a parent. He and his partner, costume designer Mimi O'Donnell, have two young children.

"My daughter's a year old so she's the master of her own universe really," he says, "but my son comes with us to the theatre. They're all going to be introduced to acting just by the life we're in."

Acting allows the fiercely private performer to indulge things he doesn't in his normal life, he admits. "I'm probably more open when I'm acting than at any other time. It allows me to be something that I can't always feel comfortable with when I'm living my own life, because it's make-believe."

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The best present ever

■ BY ELLIOT WRIGHT (AGE 10½)

CHRISTMAS is, without question, one of the finest times of the year. On that we are all agreed. But spending it in Disneyland Paris? I'm not sure it gets any better.

If I'm honest, I never thought my dad would bother. Bound to be too expensive and how would all my presents be in the right place for Christmas morning?

But, to my surprise (and my big sister's), that's where I ended up.

My parents told us we were popping across the Channel on Christmas Eve to visit a French market.

I didn't suspect a thing. There I was leading Manchester United to another glorious league success on my PSP console, when it dawned on me we had left Calais two hours ago and were in Paris.

Having left home at 8am, by 5pm French time we were actually strolling into the Disneyland Park having booked into our hotel, pausing briefly only for me to pick myself off the floor after being told we were going to be here for three long, action-packed days. So long PSP.

I've been here before but this was different. Over the festive period the place was open until 10pm. That's a possible 14 hours every day in the park. Cool.

For me, Pirates of the Caribbean is one of the best rides. I made the height restriction for



IN CHARACTER: When you're not on a ride there are lots of Disney stars to entertain you and say hello

Space Mountain rollercoaster this time which was, er, good. One go was enough for me.

It was packed though. My top tip for winter visits to the park is simple; wrap up warm and use the Fast Pass system for the big rides. I'll repeat that: Use the Fast Pass system. You get a ticket at the ride and it tells you when you can come back, normally within an hour or so and you get to jump the queue.

The good news is that by around 6pm little kids start to flag, so they go, leaving me the

chance to drag my mum and dad round to more rides with smaller queues. Perfect.

For Christmas dinner we booked into the Blue Lagoon (overlooking the first stage of the Pirates' boat ride). According to my dad it's one of the top Disney restaurants offering 'Creole cooking', whatever that means, and great fish dishes.

We had ostrich on Christmas Day, now that was good.

My dad blew nearly 200 euros on that meal. But overall he said it was pretty reasonable to eat out at the many fast food outlets around the park. He reckoned two adults and two kids could eat well all day for 100 euros.

Food, however, is merely a necessity in my book to provide the energy to get on those rides. We spent one of the days at the neighbouring Disney Studios. It's a completely separate park, arguably a little more grown up, with some excellent shows. They all have a film theme and some great rides, including the terrifying, Hollywood Tower Hotel. In a nutshell you just fall a long, long way. My sister went on three times. For me once was enough.

The new Nemo rollercoaster, is popular but we had to give it a miss – the waiting time of 90 minutes was just a little too much and there's no Fast Pass. Curses. But that was just one blip on an otherwise fantastic trip.

For Christmas, Disneyland was brilliant. It's an easy drive by motorway (196 miles from Calais since you ask) and there are some spectacular deals for families over the next couple of months.

Needless to say, I have already started nagging to go again. And you should too.

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Currency	about 1.35 euros to £1
Capital	Cinderella's Castle
Population	2 million Brits last year
Region airport	Space Mountain
Station	Eurostar Marne La Vallee
Climate	Warm inside year round

Holiday details

The Wright family stayed for three nights at the three star Hotel L'Elysee Val d'Europe for around £726 including passes to the park for four days.

Disney is offering its popular kids stay and play free offer on all holidays booked over the next two months.

They travelled from Dover to Calais with SeaFrance (www.seafrance.com) and drove the 196 miles in under three hours. Tolls cost another 20 euros.

You can travel direct to Disney by Eurostar (www.eurostar.com) from Ashford International or Ebbsfleet Station and the journey takes just over two hours.

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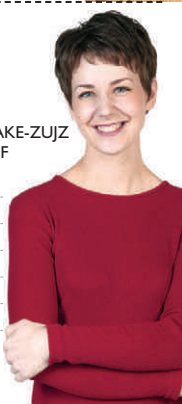
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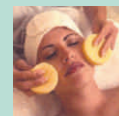
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SUNDAY: LARK RISE TO CANDLEFORD (8pm): Start of a new series starring Olivia Hallinan, Julia Sawalha and Dawn French in an adaptation of Flora Thompson's memoir of her Oxfordshire childhood.

BBC TWO

SATURDAY: TIMEWATCH (8.10pm): Dr Saul David investigates the violent world of the medieval melee tournament in the long-running history series.

SUNDAY: SKI SUNDAY (7pm): Thirty years on and Ski Sunday remains bizarrely addictive viewing – if nothing more than for the scenery and hope of a dramatic tumble. Graham Bell and Ed Leigh present.

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SUNDAY: KINGDOM (9.20pm): Gentle ITV drama starring Stephen Fry in which he struggles to keep the reappearance of his fugitive brother Simon a secret.

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SATURDAY: THE ITALIAN JOB (9pm): An all-star cast remake the Michael Caine 1969 classic which acts as the perfect advert for the Mini Cooper as the crooks look to bring LA to a standstill to pull off an audacious crime.

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SATURDAY: TOYS (3.15pm): Slightly odd film about a hi-tech toy factory taken over by an army general who turns its products into killing machines.

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Echoes of the past in Martine's new role

■ BY BEN FALK

"OH, no, no, no," says Martine McCutcheon, adamant in her answer, "I'm not engaged."

She's responding to pictures earlier this year of her wearing a huge diamond sparkler on her wedding finger at The Ivy in London, but thanks to high-profile relationships going south in the past, anything now is kept on the QT.

"Guys look a bit," she admits, about potential suitors. "They stare a lot because they probably think, 'I don't know where to begin with her. What do I say? Do I pretend I don't know who she is or I pretend I do know who she is?'"

The ones who are brave enough to come up are normally the ones who are a bit bolshy and not very nice and it's probably the shy ones that you don't get to meet who are the ones who could be really lovely."

But she won't be drawn any further on whether she has a man in her life, although she admits to seeing someone. She smiles: "I'm very happy at the moment and that's all I can say about my love life."

If her off-screen relationships are in limbo, it's certainly not the case for her latest on-screen character.

The 31-year-old is playing Susan, a blowsy housewife with two teenage kids in Cornwall-set, night-time soap Echo Beach. Her dull marriage to Mark (Hugo Speer) is given a testosterone injection when ex Daniel (Jason Donovan) when he rolls back into town.

The series, which began last Thursday, on ITV1, promises to be a rather nifty experiment. Martine's dramatic half-hour follows Moving Wallpaper, a 30-minute fictional behind-the-scenes-style comedy show follow-



SOAP: In Echo Beach Martine McCutcheon plays a housewife reunited with her ex, played by Jason Donovan

ing the – concentrate – making of Echo Beach.

"She's a bit frumpy, isn't she?" says the actress of Susan, who sports a quite hideous dress in the premiere episode. "Actually," she remembers, "that proved to be quite lucky. It was one of the worst summers Cornwall's ever seen and there were times they were going, 'We've got to cut, Martine's being hit by hailstones'. Because Susan was frumpy, I got to wear a big cardigan!"

She explains: "Susan's very repressed. She's controlled by her husband and is secretly yearning for the gold in her life. I've always enjoyed the fact that the characters I play have a sense of me in them because they wear their hearts on their sleeves."

A star since making her name as Tiffany in EastEnders, she has trod the West End boards

and controversially scooped a Laurence Olivier Award for her role as Eliza Doolittle in My Fair Lady. (She got great reviews, but an illness meant her understudy performed more than she did).

She has hit the top of the charts with her single Perfect Moment, copped off on screen with Hugh Grant in blockbuster Love Actually, doled out criticism on Soapstar Superstar and comic Russell Brand just revealed he snogged her while they were at theatre school together.

One thing she hasn't much luck with is boys.

Which might be why she is plunging herself back into work, appearing as Miss Marple's sidekick last year and returning to the world of soaps with Echo Beach.

The twist with the latter is that we will also get a chance to see 'Martine McCutcheon' dealing with the show's 'producers' (played by comedian Ben Miller) in Moving Wallpaper.

A clip from later in the series shows her crying her eyes out when she thinks she's been fired – ironic considering the furore surrounding her death in EastEnders which subsequently led to her publicly criticising BBC honcho Mal Young in her autobiography.

Thankfully, Martine has had enough time to appreciate the amusement factor.

"I said, 'I bet she cries and says, 'Not again!' and they said, 'No, there's not the 'Not again!' bit but there's an 'Oh, no!' I said, 'Great, bring it on! That's fabulous.' It ended pretty badly at EastEnders but I've too much pride and too much dignity to let myself go like that. But it's what we'd all want to do on the inside."

So what if there isn't a ring on that finger? We've got Martine McCutcheon back in a soap opera – which is exactly where we want her.



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The message from Kent Highway

Services is that all drivers should switch off their phones before they start a journey.

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or a text message. You may

be dying to make or take that call, but is it really worth dying for? Voicemail can be a lifesaver.

Handsfree mobile phone kits may be legal to use when behind the wheel but are they much safer than using a hand held mobile?

There is evidence to suggest that using a handsfree mobile phone kit while driving is as dangerous as drink driving.

Research carried out by the Transport Research Laboratory (TRL) for Direct Line Insurance shows that when a driver uses a hands free mobile phone while driving, their ability to drive is impaired more so than if they were driving at the UK's legal alcohol limit (80mg/100ml).

The findings have led to FirstGroup, one of the largest transport companies, enforcing a ban on its 135,000 employees from using a hands-free mobile phone device when driving.

Although it isn't against the law to use a mobile hands free kit, motorists can still be prosecuted if police judge that the driver was not in proper control of the vehicle. The penalties are the same as using a hand held phone - £60 fine and three points on your licence.

In any incident or crash, the use of any phone could be justification for the charges of careless or dangerous driving. The penalties on conviction for such offences include heavy fines, endorsement, disqualification and, in serious cases, imprisonment. Courts are taking a serious view in such cases.

Mobile phones are often sold with in-car kits to enable hands-free use. This creates a false impression that this is somehow safer and therefore more acceptable. The research by TRL shows that, whilst not illegal, using a hands-free kit is no more acceptable than drink driving.

Talking on a mobile phone is different to having a conversation with a passenger.

A passenger is aware of the drivers surroundings and will soon stop the conversation when the driver needs to negotiate a potential hazard such as a busy junction. This isn't the case with someone on the other end of the phone as they are not present in the vehicle. They could continue talking and

therefore prove a distraction to a driver at a crucial moment.

Using a mobile phone can double the time it takes a driver to react to a situation. One brief moment checking a mobile while driving could be the difference between

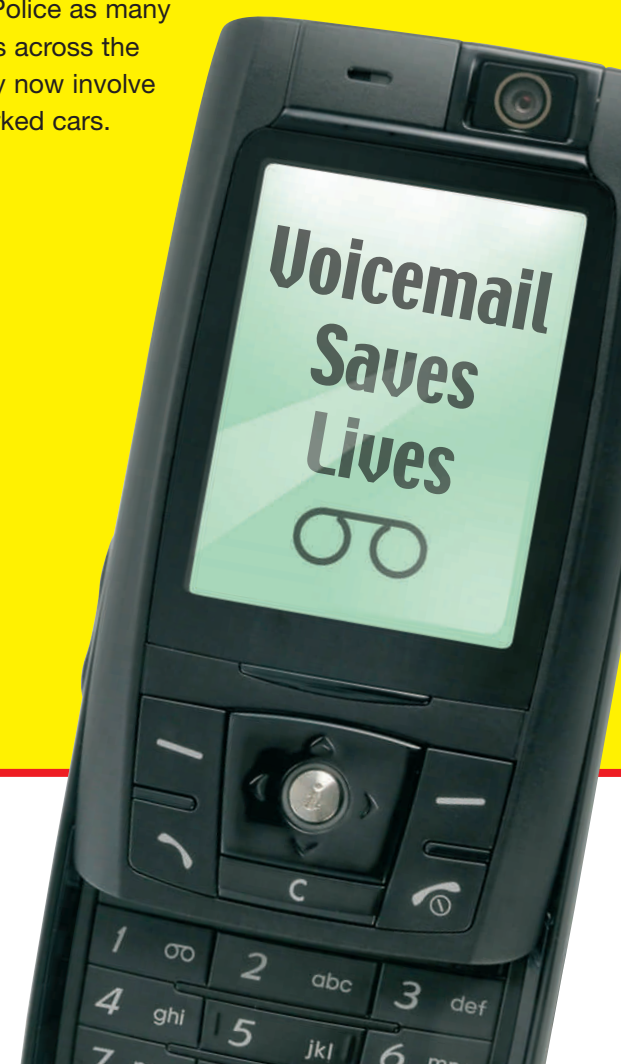


seeing the car ahead breaking or a child running into the road. It's quite simple – the road deserves your full attention at all times.

Steve Horton from the Kent Highways Road Safety Team says: "The effect it has on your concentration levels makes it unsafe to use a mobile phone whilst driving, hand-held or hands-free. The safest thing to do is to switch off your phone before beginning a journey and to ensure your voicemail service is on for people to leave messages. If you need to make a call or are expecting to be contacted by work, friends or relatives, then make regular stops, in a safe place, and with your engine switched off."

Motorists who continue to break the law by using a hand held mobile while driving have a good chance of being caught by Kent Police as many patrols across the county now involve unmarked cars.

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ACROSS

- 1 The delivery charge for a baby geranium? (10)
7 Hesitates with Oriental language (4)
9 Shellfish to cook at social gathering (8)
10 If it's free, one can say what one likes (6)
11 Fraudulent practice of testing public opinion by circulating rumours (4-6)
14 Name a hat designed to be an object of abhorrence (8)
15 Learning about a hot place in Pakistan (6)
16 Way round near mountain road (6)
18 Separate one in new side (8)
20 Late tender (5-5)
23 Six-footer in religious group (6)
24 No French sight perhaps is an absurdity (8)
25 Square incision on tail (4)
26 Joint complaint of one in fancy summer-hat (10)

DOWN

- 2 Tax one leaving coral island (4)
3 Some were prompted by the vigorous frolic (4)
4 He lacks another means of restraint (7)
5 A tinier variety of sloth (7)
6 Sensual Lulu upset about way forward initially (7)
7 Not a bit of it (10)
8 Pretty poor revised estimate (6-4)
12 Unhinge icy contraption that is unclean (10)
13 Devotion to mechanical gadget (10)
17 Lessen a Tory's hold on another politician (7)
18 Make insane some insider angered (7)
19 Bone removed from Munster (7)
21 Outlet even then was included (4)
22 One with half-sister seen in Oxford (4)

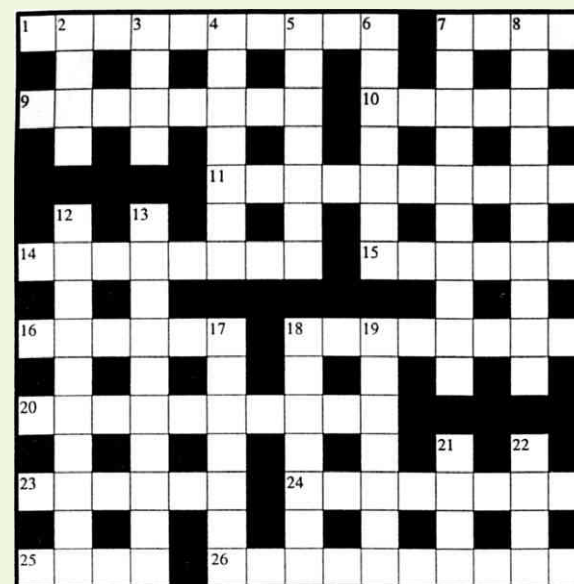
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ACROSS

- 1 Office of newspaper chief (10)
7 Desire (4)
9 Precious metal (8)
10 Balloting (6)
11 Temporary ban (10)
14 Supplementary text (8)
15 Losing moisture (6)
16 Pineapple (6)
18 Roadside indicator (8)
20 Part of a camera (10)
23 Reroute (6)
24 Checker (8)
25 Margin (4)
26 Plunging headlong (10)

DOWN

- 2 Unemployment pay (4)
3 Goodbye (2-2)
4 Gave a different title (7)
5 Monotonous (7)
6 Turned on a central point (7)
7 Naiad (5-5)
8 Corruption (10)
12 Recognised (10)
13 Make no progress (3,7)
17 No tilts (anag.) (7)
18 Misery (7)
19 Wreath (7)
21 Ukrainian capital (4)
22 Bracken (4)



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DOWN: 2 Ireland 3 Telling 4 Row 5 Conditional 6 Rubicon 7 Skated 8 Overdressed 11 Polished off 13 Businessmen 18 Baboon 19 Hoosie 20 Gets set 21 Maudlin 25 Pie.
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AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

YOU'RE getting tired of coping with a large group. Going off on your own, though, could have unfortunate consequences. You can't afford to make enemies right now. Exercising compassion toward friends, neighbours, and colleagues is a good idea. By trying to see things from their perspective, it will be much easier to keep your anger at bay.



PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

TAKE care not to be rude to a well-meaning woman. This lady is only trying to help you realise a cherished goal. Hold back whenever you're tempted to give sarcastic replies to her concerned inquiries. Trust your intuition with regard to a creative project. You're always much more pleasant when you're exercising your imagination.



ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

IT'S easy to get carried away with someone who claims to know all the answers, but wait a while before you put your faith in this character. A sensible friend will see the holes in this guru's guidance. Try not to be too hard on yourself. We all want a template for leading a rewarding life. Unfortunately, such formulas are invariably flawed.



TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

DON'T let your wants and wishes get in the way of good decision making. It's hard to think clearly when you are consumed by desires. If you're thinking of making a move on a platonic friend, wait until next week. Work provides a lot of creative challenges this week. This proves a welcome distraction from your personal life.



GEMINI (May 22 - Jun 22)

THE last thing you want to focus on is work. A close relationship is far more intriguing. Unfortunately, you need to attend to your career if you're going to maintain your position. If you need a reason to remain diligent, consider how unemployment could affect your life. It will be hard have fun when you're worried about paying your bills.



CANCER (Jun 23 - Jul 23)

WORK could be very unpleasant this week. Avoid sensitive topics like religion and politics like the plague. Fortunately, a close friend or lover is eager to smooth your furrowed brow. Turn to this person when the pressure becomes too great. If you're looking for love keep your eyes open for someone with high principles and ideals.



LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

A LOVER or child is showing a lack of consideration for you. This could be because you've given them a mistaken idea about your finances. In the past, you were ready to buy gifts whenever they wanted them. Be honest about your situation or your relationship will continue to suffer. It's better to be generous with your time and affection than money.



VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

AN impulsive attitude toward romance could be taking its toll on your home life. Your partner can't drop everything when you crook your finger in their direction. Keep your promises to relatives and roommates. That may not seem important now, but you'll need their support sooner than you think. Never underestimate the importance of family.



LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

SUGAR coating your problems may affect your health. It's important to face facts head on, particularly with regard to work. If you're in jeopardy of losing your job, start looking for another. Share your plight with friends. Your love life is a lot more promising than your professional prospects. Someone new has their eye on you.



SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

RESIST the urge to buy an expensive luxury item. An unexpected expense could play havoc with your budget. An irritable child will wear on your patience. You'll have to establish some firm ground rules now, while you still have their respect. If you don't assert yourself, you'll lay disastrous groundwork for the future.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 21)

ALL the wit and charm in the world won't smooth over a difficult family situation. Stop looking the other way at a relative's bad behaviour. This person needs to answer for their actions. Fortunately, your powers of persuasion are very strong. Your non-judgemental attitude makes all the difference to changing their ways.



CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 20)

IT'S hard to be polite when people provoke you at every turn. Take care not to blurt out any secrets while venting your anger. If you're seeking work, you could find it at a hospital, university, or government agency. You have a knack for coping with paperwork. If you are already employed, apply to one of these institutions for financial aid.

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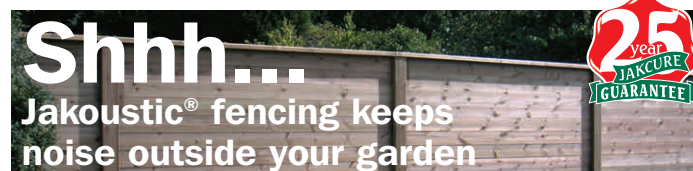
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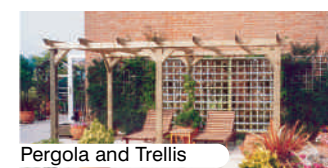
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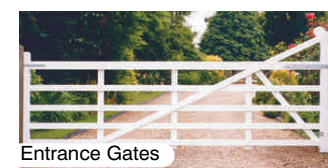
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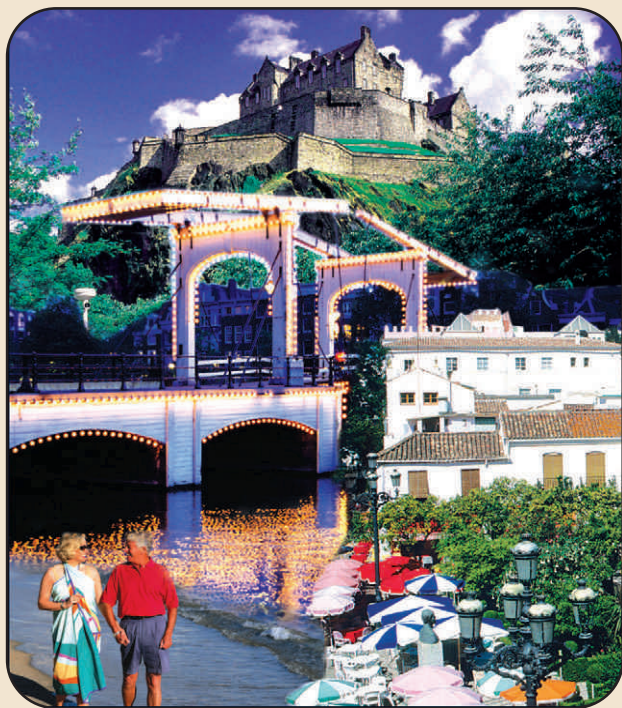
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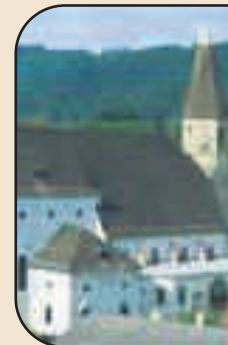


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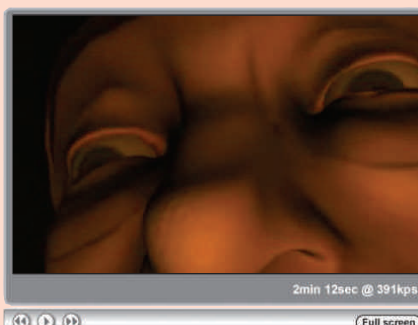
Sheppey's Sons of Alpha Centauri have posted up their awesome animated video by Kent film-maker Ben Brown, based around the Maunsell Sea Forts off the Kent coast.

Their haunting, ambient electro soundscape meshes perfectly with the eerie stillness of the forts, creating a memorable audiovisual experience.

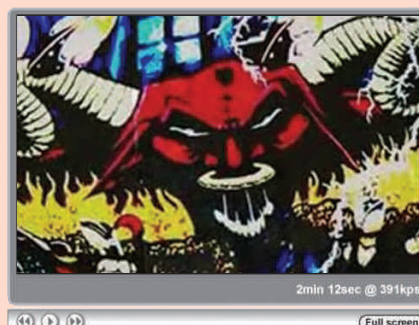
At the other end of the scale, the Trouser Trumpets are back, getting the plugs in early for their Christmas single, which received more than 3,500 downloads last year, putting it at number 550 in the charts.

It wasn't quite enough to beat X Factor winner Leon Jackson's slushy effort, but the Trumpets continue to build on their ever growing local fanbase however, and promise new songs and more gigs than ever this year.

LIVE AND LOUD



HAUNTING: This computer generated film by Ben Brown features the music of Sons of Alpha Centauri. It centres around the haunting World War Two Maunsell sea forts.



2008'S FIRST: More raptastic craziness from Emcee Flapjack. Look out for the caterpillar. It really is quite funny, and strange. This mman has earned a loyal following.



RED LIGHT: Jo Nicol and Jeremy Marks perform a blues reworking of Roxanne by the Police at the Plough and Harrow in Bridge. Top talent adds to the range at Yourkenttv.co.uk.

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CAN'T STAND ME NOW: Stretching his incredible five chord repertoire to the limit at the Tap and Tin in Chatham, it's Pete Doherty. See why he has such a loyal following.



SWING YOUR PANTS: We had to include the Trouser Trumpets, who have recently added Janet Street Porter and cartoonist Ralph Steadman to their growing number of fans.



GOOD PRACTICE: A filming exercise, and presumably, band practice, with the Betteshanger Colliery Band filmed at Deal Video Club by Robert Nash. Take a look a let us know what you

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BIRTHS

ACOURT

Jake born on the 2nd January 2008 weighing 7lb 2oz. Son to John and Samantha and brother to Courtney and Kailey.

AITCHISON

Gemma Louise Aitchison. Born on the 27-12-2007, weighing 7lb. Daughter of Stephen and Debbie. Sister to Rebecca and Jessica in Ramsgate.

ASHOUR

Alicia Jasmine born on 17th December 2007, weighing 5lb 15 and a half oz. Daughter to Jean and Moustafa in Maidstone.

BARRETT

Cammay Louise born on 21st December 2007, weighing 6lb. Daughter to Laine and April in Dover.

BOLTON

Ruby Louisa born on 1st January 2008, weighing 7lb 11oz. Daughter to Pete and Mel in Birchington. Mummy and Daddys special little angel.

BRADLEY

Wayne and Emily Bradley of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their daughter Maisie Grace Bradley on 27th December 2007, weighing 8lb 1.5oz.

CHATFIELD

Joseph and Cheryl celebrate the birth of their son Logan James Paul on 6th December 2007. A brother for Tyla-Mae.

CHIVERS

Phoebe Jane. Born on 15th December weighing 6lb 14.5oz. Daughter to Zoe Page and Steven Chivers.

COWELL

Sara and Stuart of Broadstairs are delighted to announce the birth of their son Theo Patrick, born on 14th December 2007.

DENNESS

Harry Grahame Denness born on 5th January 2008, weighing 8lb 1oz. Son to Daniel and Joanne in Headcorn.

EDWARDS

Fiona and Allan of Monkton are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter Morven Rose, born on 18th December 2007.

EVANS

Hal Emmett Evans, born on the 18th Dec 2007, to Matthew and Esa Evans of Whitstable.

FARRELL

Willow Xena Farrell, born to Francis and Beth Farrell, of Oare Faversham, on 12th December 2007. Beautiful baby sister to Merlin.

FOX

Isabela Lopes Othero born on 27th December 2007 weighing 5lb 8oz. Daughter to Nadja and Laurence Fox in Maidstone.

FRANKS

Esmac-Rose born on 21st December 2007, weighing 8lb 13oz. Daughter to Leon and Jemma in Ramsgate. You are the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

GOULDING

Ian and Christine of Tunbridge Wells are delighted to announce the birth of Kian Mark on 20th December 2007 weighing 6lb 15oz at Pembury Hospital.

GRANT

Ryan and Clare celebrate the birth of their daughter Elisha-May on 22nd December 2007. Mummy and Daddys special little angel.

HAMILTON

Stuart and Nicola are proud to announce the birth of their son Joseph Thomas on 29th December 2007 weighing 7lb 3oz.

HAMMOND

Andy and Ashley celebrate the birth of their daughter Leah on 30th December 2007.

JENKINSON

Nicholas and Tiffany Jenkinson of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their son Thomas James Jenkinson born on 22nd December 2007, weighing 6lb 13oz.

JENNER

Tony and Gill Jenner of Rochester celebrate the birth of their daughter Jorga May Jenner on 3rd January 2008.

JONES

Gregory and Karen of Tonbridge celebrate the birth of their son Oliver Edward on 20th December 2007 weighing 8lb 9oz.

LAWTON

Sam and Jenny Lawton of Ramsgate celebrate the births of their twins Emily Louise and Joshua Peter on 17th December 2007.

LUTMAN

Rick and Helen Lutman of Hollingbourne celebrate the birth of their daughter Isabella Lutman on 17th December 2007.

McCULLUM

Holly Moira born on 27th December 2007, weighing 7lbs 14oz. Daughter to Mark and Tracey in Broadstairs.

MITCHELL

Bethany Elize born on 28th December 2007, weighing 7lb 11oz. A beautiful daughter born to her proud parents Collette and Dan in Maidstone.

OSBORNE

Sarah and Neil of Cliffsend are delighted to announce the birth of their son Oscar Glenn, born on 2nd January 2008 at QEQM.

POSSEE

Paul and Debbie of Faversham are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Matilda Star, on 20th December 2007. A new baby sister for Maisie, Amy and Flossie.

RECORD - TERRY

Joanne Record and Luke Terry celebrate the birth of their son James Alfie Record - Terry on 1st January 2008.

REEVES

Anja and Marc of Edenbridge are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Ella Luise on 18th December 2007 weighing 7lb 6oz.

ROE

Hollie Carmel born on 6th December 2007, weighing 6lb 15oz. Daughter to Andrew and Liz in Dover.

RUDGE

Alison and Stuart celebrate the birth of their daughter Grace Hope Rudge on 15th December 2007.

SIDDLE

Marie and John are pleased to announce the birth of their son Rhys Andrew on 21st December 2007 weighing 7lb 15oz in Margate Hospital.

STOPEs

James Stopes and Sammyjo Davis of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their daughter Callie-Rose Marie Stopes on 1st January 2008.

THOMAS

Piper Carol Thomas born on 30th December 2007, weighing 7lb. Daughter to Gareth and Louisa in Minster on Sea.

THOMPSON

Kim and James Thompson of Weaving celebrate the birth of their son Daniel Ross Thompson on 14th December 2007.

TOMLIN

Ava Rose Elsie Tomlin born on 18th December 2007 weighing 6lb 14oz. Daughter to Keli and Paul and sister to Ruby.

TOWNER

Stephen and Leah are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Katie Jeanne on 26th December 2007 weighing 7lb 14oz at Pembury Hospital.

TURNER

Neale and Fay are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Olivia Grace born on 25th December 2007 weighing 7lb 13oz at Pembury Hospital.

VIVASH

Tiffany-Rose Molly-Ferrari, born on 27th December 2007 at home. A very pleasant late Christmas present. Weighing in at 8lb. Daughter to Phil and Dawn.

WILLIAMS

Emma Wanstall and Alex Williams became proud parents to Summer Paige Williams. Born on 28th December 2007 weighing 9lb 4oz.

ZEGREAN

Gabriel and Corina of Kingsdown are proud to announce the birth of their son, Louis Sebastian Zegrean, on 31st December 2007.

DIVERS

Doreen Esther Divers of Canterbury passed away peacefully on 25th December 2007. A loving wife and mother who will be very sadly missed. Funeral service to be held at Barham Crematorium on Monday January 14th at 1.20.

DAVIS

Laurence Davis, beloved Son, Brother, Uncle and Great Uncle, died 12th December 2007. Greatly missed but remembered with love.

DOBSON

Elsie DOBSON of Capel-Le -Ferme passed away peacefully after a short illness on 5th January 2008 aged 79. Enquiries to Chittendens Funeral Directors of Hythe.

ELCOMB

Alan Elcomb of Maidstone passed away on 4th January 2008. Enquiries to Sears Funeral Service, Maidstone 01622 754663.

EVANS

Audrey Evans of Northfleet passed away peacefully on 26th December 2007 aged 44 greatly missed by her husband, children, family and friends.

JONES

Harry Jones of Paddock Wood, formerly of Sicup, passed away on 28th December 2007 aged 76 years.

LAURENCE

Gordon Laurence of Dartford died peacefully on 5th January 2008. Funeral service at Crayford Baptist Church at 2.00pm on Thursday 24th January.

LAZENBY

Peter of Woodnesborough passed away peacefully after a short illness on the 29th December 2007. Funeral service at Barham Crematorium at 3.20pm on 18th January 2008. Family flowers only.

LIGHT

Audrey of Otford Sevenoaks died peacefully on 6/1/2008. Funeral service at Kent and Sussex Crematorium at 11.00am on 23/01/2008.

LOFT

Graham Keith Loft passed away on 31st December 2007 after a long illness. Funeral service at Medway Crematorium at 1.40pm on Monday 14th January.

ROUND

Malcolm Round passed away in professional and caring company on 30th December 2007. Donations to Friends of Gavin Astor House, c/o A W Court Undertakers, Grafty Green.

SARE

Peter Jeffrey Sare of Ash passed away peacefully on 7th January 2007. A much loved Dad and Grandad who will be very sadly missed. Funeral to be held at Barham Crematorium on 23rd January at 10.40am. Family flowers only.

SEERS

Anthony Seers of Dover passed away on 2nd January 2008. Enquires to W J Farrier and Son Ltd 01304 201665.

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PROPERTY NEWS

Director moves on to land new role

A FORMER director of KOS Media is taking on a new role in the property world.

Sue Taylor – who was an associate director at KOS Media, publisher of this newspaper – left the operation at the end of last year and is now working for RPC Land and New Homes in Maidstone, as the company's new homes director.



She said: "I am delighted to be joining RPC as I have always had a passion for new homes."

"Having also worked extensively in property publishing in Kent and the South East, I have a good knowledge of the market as well as experience of working alongside many developers in the region."

RPC Land and New Homes has offices in Ashford, Tonbridge, Dartford, Maidstone and Chatham, as well as Haywards Heath in Sussex.

RPS's managing director Peter Randall: "The appointment of Sue is an important one for us and we are pleased to be able to bring someone with her property-related background and experience to enhance our already talented new homes division."

Millions move to our part of Britain

TWO and a half million people have moved to the South East from other parts of the UK in the last 12 years.

Research from Halifax has shown this area was one of the most popular regions for people to move to from 1996-2006.

Halifax chief economist Martin Ellis said: "The South East and South West have been the most popular destinations for people to move to from elsewhere in the UK over the past decade."

However, Halifax also found that this area had the second highest number of people leaving to live in another part of the country.

Overall, the research showed the South East experienced a net gain from internal migration of 384,000 people, the second highest of the 12 UK regions.

Data was sourced from 2007 population trends, local authorities, the Halifax House Price Index and the nine Government office regions of England.



REACHING FOR THE SKY: Some builders will look to keep their developments carbon-neutral by investing in renewable energy projects such as wind farms

High hopes for greener future of new homes

BY NICK AMES

LOW-CARBON homes are the way forward in property as developers and consumers embrace the role they have to play in climate change, according to a regeneration expert.

David Edwards, regional director for the southern region of national regeneration agency English Partnerships, spoke out about what he sees as a vital step in moving to an eco-friendly strategy for new homes.

He said: "It has been very encouraging to see the response from developers and house-builders in devising ways that households can reduce their carbon footprint."

"The Carbon Challenge seeks to speed up the house-building industry's response to climate change and has generated much interest from developers, who are keen to be involved."

"English Partnerships has no shortage of

developers and public sector partners who want to work with us to provide this sort of housing.

"Equally, there is enthusiasm and strong demand for such homes from consumers who want environmentally efficient, comfortable and affordable homes."

In line with the Government's directive that by 2016 all new homes will be built to zero-carbon requirements, English Partnerships is taking the lead in developing the methods to help make this possible.

These homes feature the highest levels of insulation, air tightness, heat recovery systems, whole-house ventilation and low-energy lighting.

With more than 30 per cent of these homes being allocated to affordable and first-home buyers, the scheme will introduce a new gen-

eration of home-owners to environmentally responsible living.

The level of environmental criteria required for new homes will be steadily increased by English Partnerships on its sites over the coming years towards Code Level 6, or zero-carbon by 2013 – three years ahead of the Government's mandate.

In addition, Mr Edwards spoke of low and zero-carbon housing being an important element in developing sustainable communities and attracting environmentally aware house buyers.

He said such communities would thrive where there was a balanced mix of affordable homes, a range of social and employment infrastructure opportunities, integrated transport and design opportunities, and quality neighbourhood management.

He said: "Working with the house-building industry we want to make zero-carbon housing the standard well ahead of 2016."

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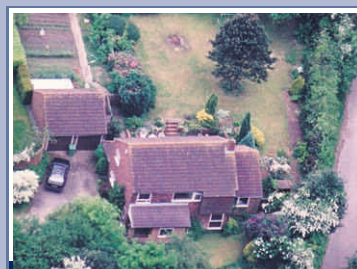
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A detached house having pleasing views to the rear comprising entrance hall, walk-in storeroom, cloakroom, office, 9 bedrooms, sitting/dining room, kitchen and pantry, cloakroom, study, boiler room, 3 bathrooms and utility room. There are gardens and off street parking.

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SANDWICH

A detached bungalow comprising entrance hall, sitting room, kitchen/breakfast room, cloakroom, three bedrooms and family bathroom. Lawned rear garden, which backs onto neighbouring farmland, parking, and integral garage.

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SANDWICH

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SANDWICH

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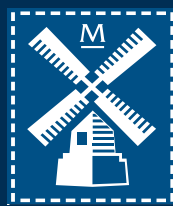
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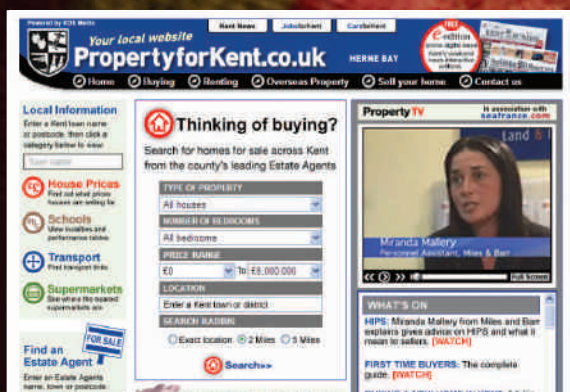
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MOTORS NEWS



Reborn Cinquecento finally takes its bow

FIAT dealers across Kent launch the eagerly awaited Fiat 500 on Monday.

The new city car, with looks echoing a past Cinquecento, is designed to take on BMW's Mini in the style and image stakes and has already stormed the Continent on the sales front and been voted European Car of the Year 2008.

Unlike the premium price Mini, Fiat has also been able to offer the 500 aggressively from just £7,900 by using the successful Panda platform and there will be a hot Abarth version later in the year to go toe to toe with the Mini's Cooper S performance flagship.



Rocketship 'R' gets a cheaper shuttle model

HONDA has a stylish new cut-price SE+ alternative to its eye-catching Civic Type-R hot hatchback.

We had fun road testing the 'R' for our online Motors TV – see Star Drive: an 'engaging' look at the futuristic Honda Civic Type-R' at www.carsforkent.co.uk – but fans can buy the £17,600 Type-R look for much less.

The new SE+ has a premium spec including 16-inch alloys, skirts and spoiler and a lively yet frugal 1.4-litre petrol engine rather than the Type-R's turbocharged 2.0 unit and costs £14,900.



Supersized carriers

PEUGEOT and Citroën dealers welcome upgraded versions of the twin French marques' supersize people carriers, the 807 and C8 ranges.

Not only have both vehicles gained visual tweaks, but they are also now available in flagship trim with the sporting 2.2-litre twin-turbo HDi 170 engine already seen in some sister models.

The new 170bhp low emission engine option is available with an adaptive six-speed 'Porsche Tiptronic System' automatic transmission. New Peugeot 807 and Citroën C8 ranges start at £19,695.



WAY TO GO: Material and quality levels are impressive in Hyundai's i30 and with a five-year warranty it will be extremely competitive against Ford Focus class rivals

Hyundai 'i' jinks is sure to make a big impact

COMPUTER geeks at Apple must have thought that their stylish iMac computer and phenomenally successful iPod player had granted ownership of the letter 'i'.

But Korea's biggest car maker Hyundai – a brand in need of an image injection – has hijacked 'the vowel that wowed the world' and applied it to, not just one car, but a whole range of 'i' models – five arriving over two years.

Before you ask – iPod/MP3 player 'connectivity' comes as standard on the debut i30 model tested here and shows a fair bit of thought went into the installation, with iPod/MP3 jacks in the centre console armrest with a neat 'pocket' to hold the player securely rather than floating around in a glovebox or loose in the car.

This attention to detail highlights Hyundai's care in presenting the i30 to a competitive and crowded family hatchback sector that includes its half sister, the Kia Ceed.

Like the Ceed, the i30 majors on its 'designed and built for Europe' origins and the material and quality levels are impressive.

ROAD TEST HYUNDAI i30

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

There is a lot of the Ceed about the roomy interior – no bad thing as the Kia impressed market watchers and scared rival European manufacturers on arrival.

Predictably, it also feels much like the Ceed on road; a decent all-rounder in which responsive handling is balanced by ride quality and comfort. It is not the greatest drive, but is certainly not dull.

As ever with Korean marques, the car also comes generously equipped as standard: steering wheel mounted audio controls for the six-speaker system, alloys, heated door mirrors, front fog lights, glove box cooler, air con, luggage net and hook in boot, seatbelt warning and traction control are included.

This combines with pricing and the famous Hyundai five-year warranty to make it extremely competitive against Ford Focus class rivals.

Hyundai expects to sell more 1.4-litre petrol i30s to customers attracted by the £10,995 lead-in price, but the 1.6-litre is tempting too while the 1.6 diesel is the pick for smoothness plus performance with economy and a sporting 2.0 diesel option was also added recently.



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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

SUPERMINIS

THEY may be small, but superminis are getting 'big' as we all move towards downsizing in the face of increased motoring costs and the threat of global warming. And small does not necessarily mean being short-changed. In fact, superminis are closer to the cutting-edge of car design, requiring space efficiency, effortless motorway cruising and a good ride from a short wheelbase. Compact dimensions also mean less leeway towards creating a distinctive design, but we reckon these three cut a dash in their own way...

NISSAN MICRA



IN a market sector where most rivals look the same, Nissan deserves praise for the unique looks of the latest Micra. And they don't signal style triumphing over substance either, because the British-built three and five-door Micra range has the reliability of its predecessor plus decent space, attractive interior looks and durability and good driving manners and grip. It also has a further ace up its sleeve in the form of perky turbodiesels from the Japanese marque's owner, Renault.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

PEUGEOT 206



PEUGEOT'S 206 has been around a while, but it is a tribute to the car's chic styling and all-round verve that it still sells strongly new despite being superseded by the 207. Volumes for Peugeot's all-time best-seller have also been boosted by many variants including three and five-door hatchbacks and the eye-catching folding roof CC or coupé convertible and voluminous SW (estate). Along with great diesel engine options, this gives used car buyers a great range of choice.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

VW POLO



LIKE so many cars, the VW Polo has grown with every generation and has become a sort of upmarket super-supermini. The three or five-door car is well-built, roomy, well trimmed and drives well, with the bonus of excellent turbodiesel engine options. All of this comes at premium prices, although these are balanced by the Polo's slow depreciation. Look out for the off-roader lookalike Polo Dune – it won't hack across a muddy field, but it looks as though it should.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
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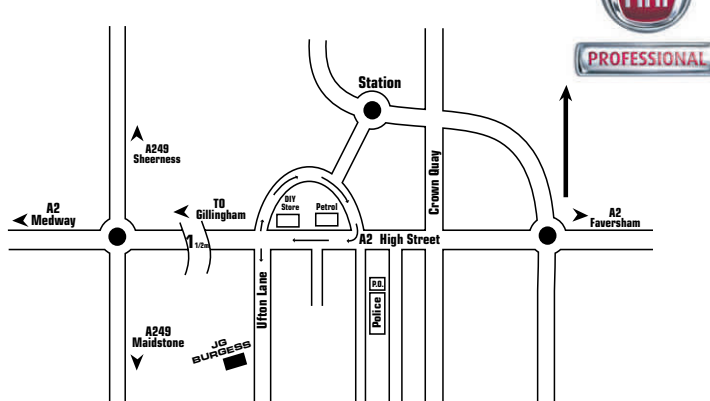


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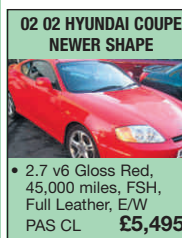


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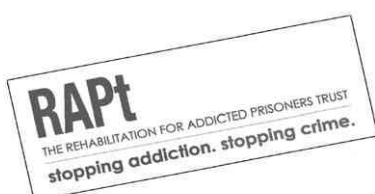
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Interview date: 18th February 2008

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Interview date: End of February

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Closing date: Friday 25th January 2008
Interview date: To be confirmed

For application forms contact: KCA (UK), Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT. Telephone 01795 590635, Fax 01795 539351, Email marina@kca.org.uk, website www.kca.org.uk

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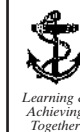
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Start: ASAP

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Start: ASAP

The successful applicant will have a good general knowledge of Microsoft Office applications, have proficient keyboard skills and have previous administrative and receptionist experience not necessarily gained in a school environment.

For more information or to request an application pack for either position, please contact Tanya Neil our Office Manager.

Closing date: Friday 18th January 2008

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Location: The Wisdom Hospice, Rochester

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Informal enquiries can be made to Dr Paul Dalton, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Dean of Arts & Humanities) on 01227 782965. Ref: FQ02/AH/77

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Informal enquiries to Debra Teasdale, Head of Department of Health, Wellbeing and the Family on 01227 782519.

Programme Administrator

£15,743 to £17,152 per annum

Responsibilities will involve a broad range of administrative and secretarial work to support programmes within the Department, with particular emphasis on the Child Nursing and Midwifery programmes. The role includes supporting the Programme Directors, timetabling, maintenance of student and programme records, production of support materials and arranging meetings.

With a minimum of GCSE A-C English or equivalent and recent experience in office administration/secretarial work, you must be able to demonstrate excellent communication skills and use of word processing, database and spreadsheet skills. The ability to work accurately to deadlines and effectively under pressure is essential. Experience of QLS database management would be advantageous, as would experience in higher education or the health service. Ref: PA1/HWF/77.

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For an informal discussion please contact Louise Sibley on 01227 782522.

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Testing Administrator (Part time) (Fixed Term until 31 July 2009)

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Working in the Department's computer-based testing lab your duties will include the administration of candidates, invigilating exams in accordance with documented procedures, dealing with any problems and answering enquiries.

You will have good intermediate-level computing experience, patience and an eye for detail; experience in dealing with people of all ages and in sometimes difficult situations is essential, as is reliability and some flexibility as to working hours. A gentle sense of humour and a calm personality are a distinct advantage. The post is for an average of 18 hours a week across the year, up to a maximum of 27 hours a week in October and November; the centre is open afternoons and evenings, midweek. Ref: TA2/CS/77.

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For informal discussion, please contact Professor Kate Springett, Head of Department, on 01227 782935 or kate.springett@canterbury.ac.uk, or Marian McCormick on 01634 894432 or marian.mccormick@canterbury.ac.uk

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The country has a fast-expanding industrial base and growing middle-class consumer economy.

Businesses can find out more at a seminar organised by UK Trade & Investment South East. Winning Business in Brazil is at the Hilton Hotel in Cobham, Surrey, on Wednesday February 20, from 9.30am-2.30pm.

Tickets are £50 plus VAT. For details, you can visit www.uktisoutheast.com/winningbusiness, or call 08454 586400.

New package aims to launch you off piste

GROUP ski holidays hosted by professional instructors have been launched by Realli-Ski of Canterbury.

They offer tuition from simulator to slope with a package for all abilities.

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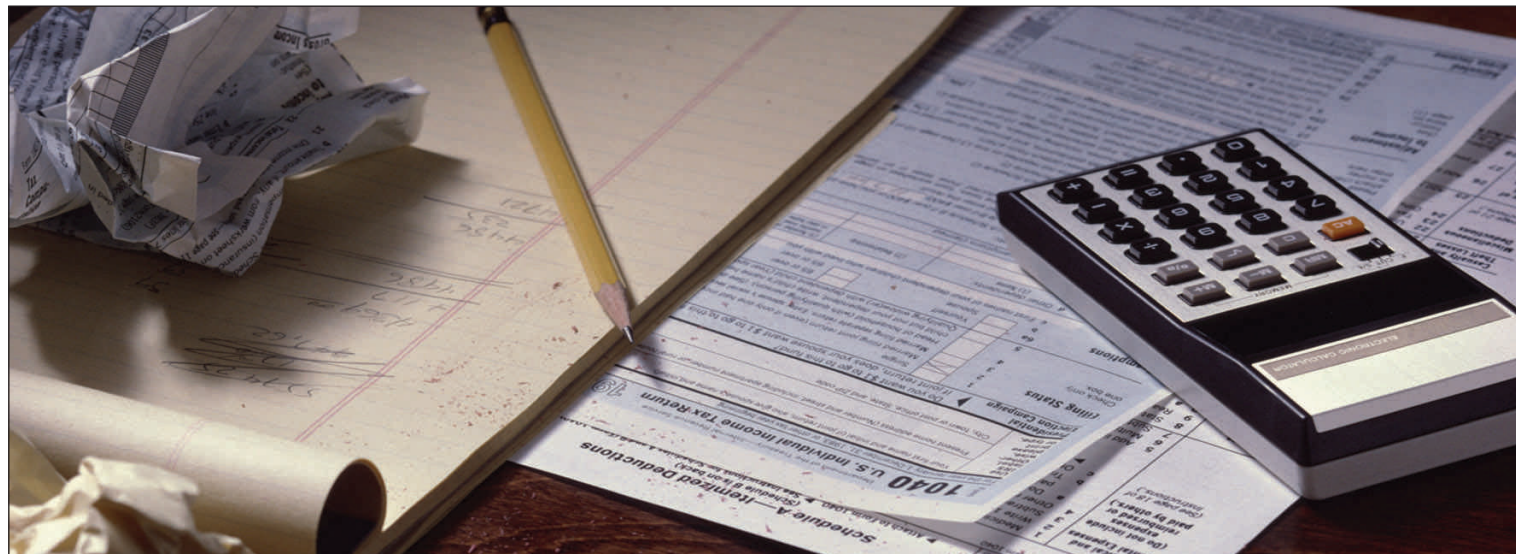
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Fund analysts look to Russia to make money

EMERGING capital markets such as Russia are likely to be among top performers in 2008, according to online fund analyst Moneyspider.com, and it says corporate bonds will make a comeback as shares in other sectors falter.

But it is Russia, with its cheaper stocks, more open market and emphasis on commodity stocks that may well reward Isa investors this year, predicts Moneyspider.com's Tony Ahearne.

"We anticipate more of the smarter Isa money will be winging its way into funds like Neptune Russia and Greater Russia, but it should be remembered that these are higher-risk funds and not for everyone."



DEADLINE LOOMS: Organise yourself, check everything and, if possible, file online. Failing that, try not to panic and take a coffee break when the numbers get too much

Return your details for a life less taxing

■ BY TONY PATEY

If your tax return is not with the tax people on Friday, February 1, you get hammered with a straight £100 penalty.

Also, you will attract annual interest of 7.5 per cent, accruing on a daily basis, on the amount you work out you owe.

If, by some chance, you still haven't paid your tax by Thursday, February 28, you'll get a straight five per cent surcharge on what you owe, on top of everything else.

By the way, those paying on what is called "payments by account" will need to pay half by Thursday, January 31, and half by Thursday, July 31.

But if you're still dithering over self-assessment, here are a few tips from the tax people to escape the horrors.

- Get organised. Before you get started, gather together all your statements, invoices, receipts, records of expenses and other paperwork for the tax year.

- File online. If you file online, your tax calculations are done automatically, so you will find out straightaway how much you owe or, even better, if you are owed a refund.

- Check your figures. It might sound obvious, but double-check your figures before including them on your return. This will save you having to make any amendments once you've submitted your return.

- Don't recycle the paper just yet. All records of information used to complete tax returns must be kept for 22 months after the end of the tax year. For those carrying on a business, or who have an income from letting out property, this increases to five years, 10 months.

- Try not to leave it to the last minute.

- Don't be afraid to ask for help and don't panic. If you get stuck, make yourself a cup of coffee, sit down and visit www.hmrc.gov.uk, or simply phone the self-assessment helpline on 0845 900 0444 if you can't find the answer to your question. It's open from 8am to 8pm seven days a week and calls are charged at local rates.



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Picture TONY DAY



OFF TARGET: Aaron Firth (right in red) sets up Simon Brown for an effort in Herne Bay's defeat at Deal Town which all but ended their promotion hopes

Lillis issues warning to players

FOOTBALL

Deal Town 3 Herne Bay 2

AFTER watching his side lose their third match in four games, Herne Bay boss Jason Lillis blasted several of his players, threatening to kick them out of the club if performances did not improve.

Bay gifted Deal Town three goals in the first half to set up a defeat which Lillis admitted all but ends their hopes of promotion from the Kent Premier League.

He said: "I never say never, but it is an uphill battle to go up now.

"We conceded three very sloppy goals in the first half which cost us a game we controlled – they were never in it."

The visitors struggled from the beginning and were two goals down inside 24 minutes as Deal profited

from defensive errors.

Bay got back into the game five minutes later when Aaron Firth tapped-in his 20th goal of the season, but hopes of a comeback did not last long as Lee Jones restored Deal's two-goal advantage before the break.

Bay dominated the second half, but did not look like scoring until Firth headed home a consolation in the closing minutes.

The defeat left Bay 17 points off the pace in seventh place.

Lillis was unhappy with the performance and told Yourcanterbury: "There are a few players who are on their last legs at the club.

"Some have not been performing over the past month, they know where they stand. They are not just in danger of losing their place in the team, they will be kicked out if things don't improve."

Their next match is a trip to promotion-chasing Beckenham Town on Saturday.

• Bay qualified for the quarter-finals of the League Cup with a 1-0 win in their final group match against Tunbridge Wells.

They will meet Croydon in the last eight on January 30.

Weather keeps City lead intact

A WATERLOGGED pitch forced Canterbury City's match at Pembury to be abandoned as heavy rain disrupted fixtures across the county.

Only two Kent County League Division Two East matches survived, so City's 11-point lead at the top remains intact.

This Saturday, City face a Canterbury derby in the Les Leckie Cup when they take on University of Kent at Bridge Recreation Ground. The visitors play a division higher than Dave Fairclough's team, so the match will be a good test for the runaway Division Two leaders.

In the draw for the Kent Cup, City were paired with Gravesend's Viewpoint FC.

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New signing Craig Rocastle talks about why he chose to join to Gillingham

Crusaders gain vital away win

RIKKI Broadmore starred with 16 points as basketball's Kent Crusaders moved clear of the relegation zone with a vital away win against rivals Black Country University of Wolverhampton.

The visitors trailed by nine points going into the final quarter, but a strong finish won the game for the Canterbury-based side 63-58.

Crusaders coach Mads Olesen said: "Defensively we played the best ten minutes of the season.

"The players made one tough play after another and didn't get rattled no matter what Wolverhampton threw at them."

It was a crucial win for the Crusaders, who lost the first game in the weekend's double-header against a powerful Northampton Neptunes.

Steve Findlay top scored with 19 points, but his haul could not prevent a 91-75 defeat.

Crusaders host Team Northumbria at Canterbury High School this Saturday, tip-off at 7.30pm.

Openshaw sees bright future ahead for Kent

CRICKET

■ BY GLENN PEARSON

KENT chairman Carl Openshaw said the county's victory in the Twenty20 final was the highlight of his nine year spell as chairman of the county club.

Openshaw, 69, announced he is to retire as chairman last week and will step down as a member of the club's committee following an annual general meeting on March 10.

The club will appoint a new chairman following the meeting.

Openshaw was elected to the Kent committee in 1994 and has been chairman of the club since 1999, which makes him the second longest serving chairman of all 18 counties.

He told Yourcanterbury: "I have been doing the job for nine years and it was a decision I have not made quickly. My colleagues have known for some time that I was intending to stand down and I felt now was the time to do it.

"Nine years as chairman is much longer than the average in first-class cricket."

He leaves at a key time in the club's history as ambitious plans to redevelop the St Lawrence Ground continue apace.

He admitted: "The biggest change I have seen in my time with Kent is in the financial side of the game.

"The county game has been overshadowed by Test matches and the international game and that is why it is more difficult to attract supporters to county games, but fortunately we are getting more people in to watch one-day and Twenty20 games. Clearly the re-development is an important part of the club's future as it will generate additional revenue."

Openshaw expects the club to build on its Twenty20 success last season and with the addition of a new players, he believes Kent will be competing on all fronts this summer.

He said: "I really feel we can do even better next year. Hopefully, there should be some announcements about additions to the squad which will take us into the season in a positive frame of mind.

"We have got a good captain in Rob Key and a strong all-round team and that is what the supporters are looking for.

"It has been good watching the development of our younger players, particularly in the case of James Tredwell and Joe Denly. I have seen them come through the system at the club and we have had confidence in them. It is good to see them get international recognition."

After nearly a decade in charge at Canterbury, there is one memory that stands head and shoulders above everything else.

He said: "Being at Edgbaston to watch us win the Twenty20 final was certainly a highlight. I am involved in non-cricketing matters, but I am also a cricket fan and watching the final is something I will always remember."



Picture ADY KERRY

FAREWELL: Outgoing Kent chairman Carl Openshaw (inset) is retiring after nine years with the club and feels that captain Rob Key's (above) squad has the potential to land more silverware next season.

Bay plan to make history at the Pier

ROLLER HOCKEY

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

REVENGE will be on the minds of Herne Bay United's players when they take on FC Porto in the European League on Saturday.

The Portuguese giants thrashed the English champions 20-1 when the sides met in October.

United's player/coach Phil McVey believes his side have improved since then and is not in the mood for a repeat result.

He said: "I would say that result gnaws away inside you. When we played them they were already into their season, but we were just back from our summer holidays and unfit.

"Now we have played quite a few matches and I am hoping that could be the difference."

United made a return to their best form earlier this month as they swept to the top of the Premier League with big wins against Sheffield and Halifax.

Respectable

They now face one of the biggest teams in the sport, in front of what should be another sell-out crowd at the Pier.

Bay lost by a single goal to Italian side Hockey Prato last month and McVey believes his side have what it takes to cause an upset, which would be the biggest result in the club's history.

He said: "We are aiming to make history, we certainly aren't going in thinking 'let's try to keep it respectable'. I am really going to go for the jugular tactically and let's try and create an upset.

"We need one of those games where everything flies in for us, you just never know. A few years ago we lost 6-4 to FC Barcelona, we were drawing with them until the final few minutes so we know we can do it against the top teams."



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GEARED UP: Herne Bay United are aiming to cause an upset when they take on roller hockey giants FC Porto at the Pier

Tough times ahead as Town fight for survival

GOAL difference is all that separates Whitstable Town from the Ryman South drop zone after Chipstead condemned the team to a ninth defeat in 11 games.

Tommy Martin scored a consolation for the Oystermen as former basement boys Chipstead continued their steady climb into mid-table.

Town have collected four points since the home win against Croydon Athletic in early November and are now in a struggle to avoid an immediate drop back into the Kent League.

Martin said the difference between the divisions had surprised some of the squad since the club won promotion last season.

He told the club's website: "It's an entirely different level of football. If you're on the sidelines and have never played at this level it doesn't look any different to Kent League level, but believe me it is.

"We've got young lads who have played all their senior football for Whitstable and never finished up lower than fifth, so this is

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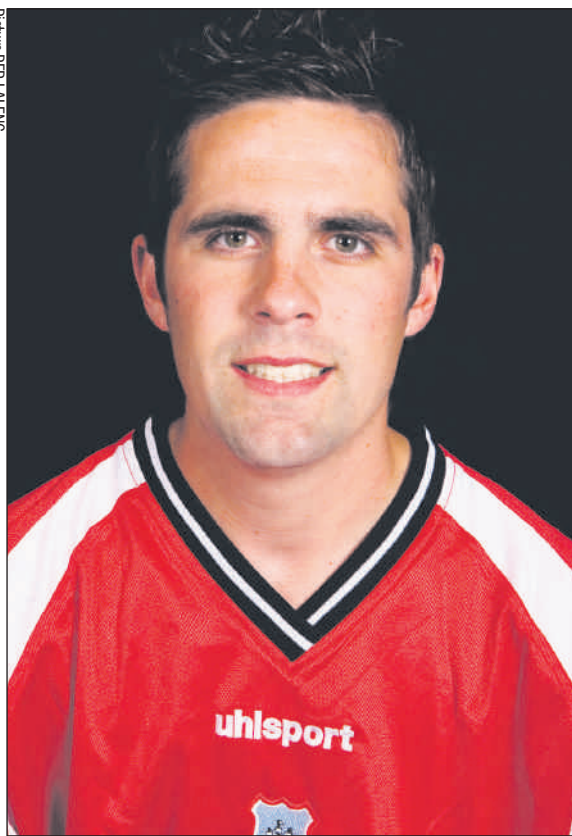
a massive learning curve finding ourselves at the wrong end of the table. It's the same for the supporters and the players, we all need to keep the faith, now it's time to battle it out until the last game of the season."

Town now face a critical run of fixtures which could go a long way to determining their fate this season.

In the next three matches, Corinthian Casuals and Horsham YMCA visit the Belmont, with a trip to Leatherhead in between. All three clubs are in the division's bottom eight, with Horsham occupying a place in the drop zone.

Town did well against the teams earlier in the season, taking seven points from the reverse fixtures.

They begin at home against Corinthian Casuals on Saturday.



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UPHILL BATTLE: Tommy Martin's goal could not prevent Whitstable Town slipping to another defeat, their ninth in 11 games

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Defending champions switch Twenty20 venue

KENT Cricket Club have accepted a request from Hampshire to switch venues for the Twenty20 matches between the sides.

The Spitfires will now visit the Rose Bowl on Saturday June 14, with the Hawks coming to the St Lawrence Ground in Canterbury two days later.

Graham Ford's side are the defending Twenty20 champions after lifting the trophy at Edgbaston last August.

Kent begin the domestic season on April 16 with a home game in the County Championship against Nottinghamshire.

Gulf in class shows as Canterbury win heavily

CANTERBURY RFC buried Ashford under an avalanche of tries as they cruised into the third round of the Kent Cup with a 76-0 win.

Five divisions separate the two sides and the gulf in class showed once the hosts broke down Ashford's spirited resistance for the first try after 15 minutes. The hosts led 36-0 at the break and the cup holders went on to complete a comprehensive victory.

Canterbury resume league action on Saturday with a home match against Rosslyn Park.

Have you got what it takes to enter title run?

PLACES are still available for the Barretts ten-mile race on the streets of Canterbury later this month.

The race is the first Kent Grand Prix event in 2008, where individuals and clubs accumulate points across the annual series of ten races towards the overall title.

More than 750 competitors took part in last year's race, which starts and finishes at Chaucer Technical School, Spring Lane, Canterbury. The race starts at 11am on Sunday, January 27.

Blues hoping for win to lift them off last place

WHITSTABLE RFC get back to first-team action this weekend after a fortnight's break.

The Blues sat out last weekend's Kent Cup games after a first round elimination, so will be fresh when the league programme resumes this weekend.

Whitstable travel to Charlton Park this Saturday in a fixture which could go a long way to deciding their fate in London South East 4. A win could lift the Blues off the bottom of the table and within two points of their opponents.

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